COHASSET TOWN REPORT

1908

One Hundred and Thirty-Ninth Annual Report.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE SELECTMEN

OF THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE

TOWN OF COHASSET

AND THE

REPORTS OF OTHER TOWN OFFICERS,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,

1908.

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1908-09.

Town Clerk.

HARRY F. TILDEN.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor.

PHILANDER BATES, Chairman,	Term expires	March, 1911
JOSEPH S. BIGELOW . .	" "	March, 1910
HERBERT L. BROWN . .	" "	March, 1909

Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.

NEWCOMB B. TOWER.

School Committee.

Mrs. ELIZABETH O. DAVENPORT,	Term expires	March, 1911
CALEB LOTHROP . . .	" "	March, 1911
Mrs, MARTHA P. HOWE . .	" "	March, 1909
SAMUEL STODDARD . .	" "	March, 1909
CHARLES W. GAMMONS . .	" "	March, 1910
CORNELIUS O'KEEFE . .	" "	March, 1910

Constables.

JOSEPH A. ANTOINE, HENRY E. BRENNOCK,
SIDNEY L BEAL, JOHN T. KEATING,
EDWARD E. WENTWORTH.

Auditor.

FRED L. REED.

Tree Warden.

JOSEPH E. GRASSIE.

Trustees of Public Library.

EDITH M. BATES . . .	Term expires		March, 1908
Mrs. MARTHA P. HOWE .	"	"	March, 1908
Dr. OLIVER H. HOWE .	"	"	March, 1908
EDWARD H. TOWER . .	"	"	March, 1910
EDWARD NICHOLS . .	"	"	March, 1910
GEORGE W. COLLIER . .	"	"	March, 1910
FLORENCE W. BATES . .	"	"	March, 1909
SARAH B. COLLIER . .	"	"	March, 1909

TOWN OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN FOR THE YEAR 1908-09.

Field Drivers.

SYLVANUS I TOWER, RUSSELL B. MURRAY,
GEORGE JASON, BENJAMIN F. MORSE.
WALDO C. LOCKE.

Fence Viewers.

EDWIN BATES, GEORGE JASON,
THOMAS A. ROCHE.

Public Weighers.

DAVID W. HOMER, ALFRED BEAL,
FREDERIC E. AHEARN, S. MAUD AHEARN,
NEWCOMB B. TOWER, MARY P. TOWER,
JOSEPH A. VALINE.

Pound Keeper.

GEORGE W. TINKHAM.

Keeper of Lock-Up.

WILLIAM J. BRENNOCK.

Inspector of Cattle.

DARIUS W. GILBERT, V. S.

Auctioneers.

GEORGE F. SARGENT, JR., EDWARD E. WENTWORTH,
AARON PRATT, JAMES S BEAL,
EPHRAIM SNOW, JR., AUGUST F. B. PETERSEN,
JOSEPH E. GRASSIE.

Supt. of Streets.

PHILANDER BATES.

Measurers of Wood and Bark.

FRANKLIN BEAL, DARIUS W. GILBERT,
CHARLES H. HACKETT.

Surveyor of Lumber.

ARTHUR O. HIGGINS, JOSEPH A. VALINE.

Supt. of Moth Work.

HENRY L. McMAHON, *JOSEPH E. GRASSIE.

Harbor Master and Harbor Police.

MANUEL S. ENOS.

Special Police Officers.

THOMAS L. BATES, ROBERT L. CURTISS,
DARIUS W. GILBERT, JOHN FLEMMING,
LAWRENCE PETERSEN, JOHN P. ANTOINE,
CHARLES E. TYRER.

Night Police for Term Ending April 1, 1909.

FRANK JASON, JOHN J. GRASSIE,
SIDNEY L. BEAL.

Night Police from May 1 to Nov. 1, 1908.

JOSEPH A. ANTOINE, ROBERT AINSLIE,
MANUEL P. VALINE.

Fire Engineers.

HARRY E. MAPES, ELMER E. BATES,
HENRY E. BRENNOCK, JAMES S. BEAL,
GEORGE JASON.

Forest Warden.

WILLIAM J. BRENNOCK.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

PAUL J. BATES.

Registrars of Voters.

CALEB F. NICHOLS . .	Term expires	May 1, 1909
GEORGE O. HIGGINS . .	" "	May 1, 1910
JOHN L. PRATT . . .	" "	May 1, 1911

HARRY F. TILDEN, ex-officio, Clerk of Board.

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* Appointed at Special Meeting April 10, 1908.

TOWN OF COHASSET.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

1908.

Doings of the

TOWN OF COHASSET.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

Extracts from the Town Records.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Cohasset, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, held at the Town Hall this second day of March, 1908, agreeably to a warrant duly executed and served for holding the same the several articles contained were acted upon as follows:

Previous to taking up Article 1, the Town Clerk appointed as Tellers to assist in taking the vote for Moderator, Spencer H. Stoughton and Thomas L. Bates; they were both sworn.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Chose, William H. Brown, Moderator. He was sworn.

Art. 2. To give in their votes upon the Official Ballot for a Town Clerk for one year, one Selectman, one Assessor, one Overseer of the Poor for three years, a Collector of Taxes for one year, a Treasurer for one year, two members of the School Committee for three years, five Constables for one year, one Auditor for one year, one Tree Warden for one year, to give in their votes upon the Official

Ballot, No or Yes, upon the question, "Shall licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in this Town the current year in accordance with Chapter 100, Section 10, of the Revised Laws."

The polls for the reception of ballots will be opened after a Moderator is Chosen, and be kept open until one o'clock P. M. and for such further time as the voters present by vote shall determine.

Previous to taking up Article 2 the following Election Officers who had been appointed by the Selectmen were sworn by the Moderator: Thomas L. Bates, Spencer H. Stoughton, George P. Neagle, Abraham J. Antoine, Edgar W. Bates, George Jason, Herbert L. Brown, George L. Davenport, Frank W. Wheelright, and John Roche. John Roche sworn by the Town Clerk as special Officer for this day. The election officers were stationed as follows: John Roche at entrance of Guard Rail, Thomas L. Bates at exit of guard rail. George P. Neagle and Abraham J. Antoine as ballot clerks. Herbert L. Brown and George Jason at check list at ballot box.

The ballot box was examined and found to be empty, the dial was placed at zero and locked and the keys given to an officer, and all other preliminaries required by law having been complied with the voting commenced at 6.40 A. M. At 7.45 one hundred ballots were removed and counting commenced. Ballots counted by Spencer H. Stoughton and Edgar W. Bates under supervision of George Jason and Thomas L. Bates.

Voted, That the polls now be closed. At the close of the Polls the ballot box registered 489. The names checked as having received ballots were 488. The names checked as having voted were 488. The ballots cast were 488.

The following vote was declared:

Total number of ballots cast was 488, as follows:

TOWN CLERK—For One Year.

Harry F. Tilden, sworn	419
Blanks	69

SELECTMAN—For Three Years.

Philander Bates, sworn	321
Charles C. Lincoln	149
Blanks	18

ASSESSOR—For Three Years.

Philander Bates, sworn	307
Charles C. Lincoln	148
Blanks	33

OVERSEER OF THE POOR—For Three Years.

Philander Bates, sworn	308
Charles C. Lincoln	148
Blanks	32

TREASURER—For One Year.

Newcomb B. Tower, sworn	424
Blanks	64

COLLECTOR OF TAXES—For One Year.

Newcomb B. Tower, sworn	418
Blanks	70

SCHOOL COMMITTEE—For Three Years.

Mrs. Elizabeth O. Davenport	309
Caleb Lothrop	317
Spencer H. Stoughton	1
Thomas L. Bates	1
Thomas A. Roche	1
Blanks	347

CONSTABLES—For One Year.

Joseph A. Antoine, sworn	225
Ellery C. Bates	141
Sidney L. Beal, sworn	244
Henry E. Brennock, sworn	243
Robert L. Curtis	187

John T. Keating, sworn	236
Anson B. Litchfield	119
Edward E. Wentworth	252
Blanks	793

AUDITOR—For One Year.

Fred L. Reed	395
Blanks	93

TREE WARDEN—For One Year.

John Clark	64
Joseph E. Grassie, sworn	242
Henry L. McMahon	164
Blanks	18

SHALL LICENSES BE GRANTED FOR THE SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN THIS TOWN?

Yes	194
No	258
Blanks	36

ART 3. To choose all Town Officers not required to be elected by ballot.

Chose, For Trustees of Public Library for three years, Edith M. Bates, Mrs. Martha P. Howe and Dr. Oliver H. Howe. For Tellers, Spencer H. Stoughton and Wentworth J. Earle.

Voted, That all other officers be appointed by the Selectmen.

ART. 4. To act upon the reports of the Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer of the Public Library, School Committee, Treasurer of the School Committee, Tree Warden, Superintendent of Moth Work, and Auditor.

Voted, That all of the above reports be accepted.

Also that a vote of thanks be extended to Mr. J. W. Woods for presenting the town with a piano for Town Hall.

Voted, That Committee on bridge on Nichols Road be discharged.

Voted, To accept report on Harbor Improvement Committee and to print the report in annual report of Town.

REPORT OF HARBOR IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

COHASSET, March 2, 1908.

The Harbor Improvement Committee has held six meetings the past year. It has put down new spar buoys with heavy chains and mooring rocks on easterly edge of Sutton Rocks and on the Easterly Buckthornes. The buoys at the harbor entrance and at White Head were carried away in the storms of 1906, and had to be replaced the past year.

The entire work of locating and maintaining the buoys and lights has been done this time under government regulations, and the committee has entered into agreement with the Lighthouse Board to maintain these buoys under present arrangements from June 1st to October 1st each year. The cost of $80 this year should not be repeated, and the committee at private expense has taken up the four buoys, placed them upon the town wharf, and intends to reset them next spring without expense to the town.

In planning for harbor improvements the committee has been confronted with two situations: A decreasing harbor commerce, and an increase in the number and noise of motor boats operated for pleasure, for shooting and for fishing.

To meet these two situations comprehensive plans are required. It will not be advisable to invite defeat at Washington, on the basis of the diminishing importance of Cohasset harbor as shown by statistics and conditions which may be only temporary; and individual subscriptions to harbor improvement plans cannot be invited with hope of success if the result is to be an invitation to increase the noise of motor boats along our shores.

In this connection it is well to recall that the first effort to improve our harbor was by individual subscriptions which created a fund and sent people to Washington to represent the harbor needs. The result was government plans for a $21,000 improvement to our harbor channel and an appropriation and expenditure of about half this amount. At the request of the Cohasset people this sum was expended beginning within the harbor, instead of at the outer bar as the government had planned. The wisdom of securing the first improvement within the harbor has been demonstrated. Here it is permanent and immediately useful. The harbor channel is now deepened nearly to the wharf recently purchased by the town, and has permitted individual dredging to connect with this channel giving boats in the harbor deeper water, and the harbor channel greater scouring capacity. The larger the flow of water in and out of the harbor the greater will be the force of water to keep open the outer channel when that has been properly cut. Already the force of the increased water supply in the harbor has visibly improved the channel at the curve near White Head.

The future importance of the natural advantages possessed by Cohasset in relation to the seashore should not be underestimated. Good schools, good roads and good government are founded in sound tax valuations.

No other town in the State has in this respect the location and the future possibilities possessed by Cohasset. It has the longest salt water shore line near to the business centre. Its two harbors, or sea coast inlets, greatly assist in maintaining its record as one of the most healthful towns in the State. It is generally free from mosquito marshes, malaria, etc. It has the most picturesque shore line, and its leading drives, walks and rambles are by the shore, or in sight of the salt water. It has express trains, low taxes and all the elements that should make for increasing taxable property and a steadily increasing income for local town development.

The result is seen the past year in a town valuation of above $7,000,000 nearly one-half of which is personal estate.

But there is something in a town besides money valuations. There are natural rights of ancient origin to the inhabitants of a sea shore or fishing village, and these should be jealously guarded however small their financial valuation.

Co-operation is the unwritten law for all proper development and upbuilding. In this town most distinctly the best results for all can be attained by co-operation.

To this end this committee has prepared plans under which it hopes to attain desirable ends for harbor improvement without taxing the town treasury.

There are now 70 motor-boats operating from Cohasset Harbor, and they are rapidly increasing in number, size and motor power. The question of under water mufflers and the experience of other towns in regulating motor-boat noises was studied by the committee, and evidence was believed to be sufficient to warrant action in the premises.

The opinion of Hon. John D. Long, ex-secretary of the U. S. Navy, was obtained to the effect that within the waters of Cohasset, the town authorities had jurisdiction.

The selectmen acting as the town Board of Health duly considered the subject, and made regulations concerning the muffling of motor-boat explosions, and through the Harbor Master posted these regulations about the harbor. This committee at private expense printed and posted to every poll and taxpayer in the town a copy of the Board of Health regulations. This was not alone for the information of the citizens and taxpayers, but with a view to enlisting their co-operation to bring about the desired harbor improvements.

It must be recognized that with our present light harbor tonnage influential opposition might easily impede such improvement when there was fear of increasing motor-boat noises. People along Jerusalem Road have had to close doors and windows in summer months to insure a healthful

night's rest. Real estate values have been affected and people who have been ill have had to ask an abatement of motor-boat noises as a personal favor.

The fair and manly spirit in which such personal requests have been complied with has impressed this committee with confidence that the complex problems of harbor improvement can be solved by co-operation, and that in due time every motor-boat user will support the Board of Health regulations, and the very few who are always against law and order can be dealt with as a finality. But because the power of a Board of Health regulation is so strongly enforcible under the law, it is not desirable to invite its arbitrary operation. The committee therefor hopes hereafter to be in funds to insure that no hardship shall befall any boatman who may think himself unable to carry a proper underwater muffler.

A private subscription has already been started to raise a sum of money sufficient to do all that can possibly and properly be done to carry out the plans of the committee in due season, which plans should show as soon as the full spirit of co-operation which should prevail in this matter and in this town has full opportunity to manifest itself.

COHASSET HARBOR IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

Daniel N. Tower, *Chairman.*
Frederick H. Pratt, *Secretary.*
Clarence W. Barron.
Charles H. Cousins.
Mauuel E. Salvador.

Art. 5. What sum of money will the town raise and appropriate for the payment of debt, interest, support and relief of the poor, schools, public libraries, repairs of highways and sidewalks, removing snow from streets and sidewalks, electric lights for streets, water for hydrants, public buildings, fountains, streets and all other necessary charges and expenses for the current year?

Voted, That the sum of $78,149.28 be raised and appropriated the current year as follows:

Payment of Debt	$5,375 00
Payment of Interest	4,300 00
Support of Schools	17,350 00
Transportation of Scholars	3,100 00
Support and Relief of Poor	7,000 00
Highways and Sidewalks	9,000 00
Electric Lights	6,465 00
Water for Hydrants, Public Buildings	3,550 00
Watering Streets	3,000 00
Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief	550 00
Town Officers	3,900 00
Night Police	3,300 00
Special Police	100 00
Fire Department	1,500 00
Removing Snow	500 00
Public Libraries	2,000 00
Memorial Day	200 00
Printing	350 00
Military Aid	250 00
Inspection of Cattle	100 00
Town Hall	900 00
Board of Health	500 00
Tree Warden	400 00
Incidentals	1,200 00
Town Commons	300 00
Straits' Pond	100 00
Moth Work	2,859.28
Total	$78,149 28

ART. 6. Will the town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire what money may be needed in anticipation of the taxes for the current year, to be

repaid as soon as money sufficient for the purpose is received into the treasury?

Voted, That he be so authorized.

ART. 7. In what manner will the town collect the taxes and at what time shall they be paid into the treasury?

Voted, That they be paid at the same time and collected in same manner as last year.

ART. 8. What compensation will the town allow the Collector of Taxes for the current year?

Voted, That the compensation of the collector of taxes be the same as last year.

ART. 9. To hear the report of the Selectmen on guide boards and act thereon.

Voted, That the report of the Selectmen on guide boards be accepted as read.

ART. 10. Will the town cause the financial report to be printed and distributed in the month of February, 1909?

Voted, That the Selectmen be instructed to cause report to be printed and distributed as above.

ART. 11. Will the town authorize the Selectmen to renew the contract with Cohasset Water Co. for a supply of water for hydrants, fountains, public buildings and streets or to act on anything relating thereto?

Voted, That the Selectmen be authorized to renew the contract with the Cohasset Water Co.

ART. 12. Will the town authorize the Selectmen to renew the contract with the Cohasset Electric Co. for lighting the streets or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted, That the Selectmen be so authorized and that a clause be inserted in the new contract reserving the top of each pole for municipal wires.

ART. 13. Will the town appropriate the sum of twenty dollars for an additional electric light on Pleasant street, said

light to be placed near the Pleasant street roailroad crossing or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted, That the amount be appropriated.

ART. 14. Will the town appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars for the publication of a volume containing the genealogy of Cohasset families and other historial matters, under the direction of the committee on Town History or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted, That the sum of one thousand dollars ($1,000) be appropriated for the purpose of publishing a volume containing the genealogy of Cohasset families and other historic matter, under the direction of the Committee on Town History, and that the amount be taken from the corporation tax.

ART. 15. To see if the town will instruct the trustees of the Cohasset Free Public Library to withdraw all claim to the bequest of two thousand dollars made to the "Public Library in Cohasset" under the will of the late Mrs. Isaphene M. Wheelwright.

Voted, That they be so authorized.

ART. 16. Will the town raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to cause King street to be watered during the summer months, or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted, That the sum of four hundred dollars ($400) be raised and appropriated to water King street.

ART. 17. Will the town appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars in addition to the unexpended balance from last year to be used in the suppression of the illegal sale of liquor, or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted, That the sum of five hundred dollars be appropriated as above.

ART. 18. Will the town vote to appoint a committee to prepare a set of bye-laws for the town, or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted, That a committee be appointed by the moderator and selectmen of five members to draw up a set of bye-laws and report at a subsequent meeting.

ART. 19. Will the town cause an electric arc light to be placed at the junction of Jerusalem road and Hull street or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted, That the town cause an electric light to be placed as above.

ART. 20. Will the town raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to install a fire alarm box on Hull street near the residence of Alfred Beal or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted, That the above article be passed over.

ART. 21. Will the town raise and appropriate a sum of money to cover the expense of repairing the gate at Cove Bridge or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted, That the sum of one hundred dollars ($100) be raised and appropriated to be spent on the repair of flood gates at Cove Bridge.

ART. 22. Will the town authorize the Selectmen to sell at public auction the building and land situated on King street, formerly used as a school-house?

Voted, That the Selectmen be authorized to sell the land and building as above article.

ART. 23. Will the town raise and appropriate a sum of money to place an arc light on Elm street at the junction of Elm and Brook streets or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted, That this article be passed over.

Voted, To take up Article 30.

ART. 30. Will the town take any action towards raising the pay of the night police, or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted, That the night police be paid two dollars and twenty-five cents ($2.25) per night, beginning March 9, 1908.

Art 24. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to employ counsel and defend the town in any suit that may be brought against it, or act on anything relating thereto.

Voted, That the selectmen be authorized to employ counsel for advising in town affairs and for bringing and defending action in behalf of the town.

Voted, That Article 31 be taken up.

Art. 31. Will the town authorize the selectmen to act for it in conjunction with the selectmen of the towns of Hingham and Hull for the extension or the rebuilding of the bridge over the inlet to Straits Pond on Hull street made necessary by the relocation of the lines of Hull street at this point by the County Commissioners of Norfolk County and of Plymouth, or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted, That the selectmen be so authorized, and whatever sum of money needed be taken from the corporation tax.

Art. 25. Will the town vote to change the location of sidewalk on South Main street, from James' lane to residence of W. H. H. Hancock, and raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for that purpose?

Voted, That the Selectmen be so authorized.

Art. 26. Will the town appoint a committee to see what can be done toward securing from the national government an appropriation for continuing the work of dredging in Cohasset harbor, or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted, That this matter be left with the present Harbor Committee and that the sum of five hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for their use under this article.

Art. 27. To hear the report of the Selectmen in regard to the purchase of portable Watchmen's Clocks for the night

police, with their recommendation in the matter, and act thereon.

Voted, That the sum of one thousand dollars be appropriated to be used at the discretion of the Selectmen in carrying out their recommendation in regard to Watchmen's Clocks.

ART. 28. Will the town vote to raise by taxation the sum of five hundred dollars for the purpose of clearing the pasture land at the Town Farm of bushes and briars, said work to be done by citizens of the town, and the price to be paid shall not exceed ten dollars per week for six days of eight hours each?

Voted, That this article be passed over.

ART. 29. Will the town vote to expend on the highway called King street for the term of four years the sum of five hundred dollars each year in widening, straightening and otherwise improving said street, said five hundred dollars to be taken from the regular highway appropriation and expended under the direction of the superintendent of streets?

Voted, That this article be left to the Selectmen.

Voted, That the thanks of this meeting be extended to the Moderator for the able and impartial manner in which he has presided over it.

Voted, That this meeting be adjourned.

HARRY F. TILDEN,
Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.

COHASSET, April 10, 1908.

At a special meeting held this evening according to a warrant duly executed and served for holding the same, the several articles contained were acted upon as follows:

Previous to taking up Art. 1 the Town Clerk appointed as Tellers, Spencer H. Stoughton and Thomas L. Bates, to assist in taking the vote for Moderator.

Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

Chose, William H. Brown, Moderator.

Art. 2. Will the town vote to reconsider the vote whereby the Selectmen were authorized to appoint all town officers other than those elected on the official ballot at the annual town meeting.

Voted, That in voting on this article it be taken by ballot and check list used.

Voted, That the town reconsider the vote whereby the Selectmen were authorized to appoint all town officers other than those elected on the official ballot at the annual town meeting.

Art. 3. How shall the officers not elected in the official ballot be chosen?

Voted, That officers appointed by the Selectmen in pursuance of vote passed at annual town meeting authorizing Selectmen to appoint all the officers not on the official ballot be hereby declared appointed to the respective offices to which Selectmen appointed them, with the exception of the superintendent of moth-work, and that a superintendent of moth-work be appointed and designated at this meeting.

Art. 4. Will the town vote to appoint the tree warden superintendent of moth-work and give him power to spend the appropriation therefor raised at the annual meeting or act on anything relating thereto.

Voted, That the town designate and appoint the Tree Warden, Joseph E. Grassie, superintendent of moth-work for the current year until March 1, 1909, and that the appropriation raised for moth-work at the annual town meeting shall be spent under his direction, and that any officer appointed contrary to this vote is hereby discharged.

Voted, to take up Article 9.

ART. 9. Will the town vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 11, Section 336 of the revised laws or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted. That the above section be accepted.

ART. 5. What action will the town take with reference to appropriating more money for moth work?

Voted, to appropriate enough money to make up whatever amount has been already spent for moth work since the annual town meeting so that the total amount placed in the moth superintendent's hands shall be $2,800.

ART. 6. Will the town authorize the selectmen to sell at public auction, during the month of April, the old pumping station on Jerusalem road or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted, That the selectmen be so authorized.

ART. 7. Will the town instruct the superintendent of streets to spend the sum of two hundred dollars on Oak street, Lincoln Hillside, or act on anything relating thereto?

Voted, That the superintendent of streets be so instructed.

ART. 8. To see if the town will vote to raise the pay of the laborers employed in the street department from two dollars a day to two dollars and a quarter a day.

Voted, That the town raise the pay of the laborers that are employed in the street department from $2.00 to $2.25 per day.

ART. 9. Acted upon.

ART. 10. Will the town vote to instruct the selectmen to cause the N. Y. N. H. & Hartford R. R. Co. to place crossing gates on Spring street, opposite the dwelling of Mrs. Manuel Jason, or act on anything relating thereto.

Voted. That the Selectmen be so instructed.

Three cheers for the moderator.

Voted, That this meeting be adjourned.

HARRY F. TILDEN, *Town Clerk*.

MILITARY DUTY.

The number of men liable to perform military duty May 1, 1908, was 361

DOGS LICENSED.

The number of dogs licensed in Cohasset from December 1, 1907, to December 1, 1908, was as follows:

Male	156
Female	38
Female (spayed)	7
Total	201

HARRY F. TILDEN,
Town Clerk.

ELECTION RECORD.

November 3, 1908.

Registered voters in Cohasset	660
Whole number of ballots cast	484

The polls for the reception of ballots were opened at 6.15 a.m. and were kept opened until four o'clock p.m. when they were by a vote closed.

All the ballots given in were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made, as by law directed, which was as follows:—

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT.

Bryan and Kern	102
Chafin and Watkins	0
Debs and Hanford	2
Gillhans and Munro	0
Hisgen and Graves	31
Taft and Sherman	319
Blanks	30

GOVERNOR.

James F. Carey of Haverhill	5
Eben S. Draper of Hopedale	287
Walter J. Hoar of Worcester	2
William N. Osgood of Lowell	27
James H. Vahey of Watertown	127
Willard O. Wylie of Beverly	1
Blanks	35

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

Charles J. Barton of Melrose	98
Joao Claudino of New Bedford	2
Louis H. Frothingham of Boston	299
John Hall, Jr., of West Springfield	4
Robert J. McCartney of Kingston	21
Frank N. Rand of Haverhill	1
Blanks	59

SECRETARY.

James F. Aylward of Cambridge	84
Herbert B. Griffin of Boston	1
George Nelson of Boston	3
William M. Olin of Boston	300
Squire E. Putney of Somerville	1
John F. Williams of Waltham	21
Blanks	74

TREASURER.

Charles E. Butterworth of Somerville	25
Arthur B. Chapin of Holyoke	294
Henry C. Hess of Boston	1
Charles C. Hitchcock of Ware	2
Edward Kendall of Cambridge	3
Erwin H. Kennedy of Pittsfield	85
Blanks	74

AUDITOR.

Frank Bohmbach of Boston	5
John E. Dempsey of Fall River	24
George G. Hall of Boston	2
Wilbur D. Moon of Lynn	4
Henry E. Turner of Malden	291
Simeon Viger of Lawrence	80
Blanks	78

ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Henry M. Dean of Hyde Park	0
Elliot C. Harding of Tisbury	2
Dana Malone of Greenfield	295
John McCarty of Abington	5
Richard J. Talbot of Springfield	23
John Alden Thayer of Worcester	87
Blanks	72

CONGRESSMAN—FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

George J. Alcott of Bridgewater	5
Charles B. Drew of Hanover	22
William C. Lovering of Taunton	300
Eliot L. Packard of Brockton	89
Blanks	68

COUNSELLOR—FIRST DISTRICT.

George A. Beedem of Brockton	5
Charles O. Brightman of New Bedford	284
Edward J. Cantwell of Fall River	24
George L. Olivier of New Bedford	84
Blanks	87

SENATOR—FIRST PLYMOUTH DISTRICT.

Thomas H. Dunn of Abington	3
Orion L. Griswold of Whitman	4
Melvin S. Nash of Hanover	292
Benjamin F. Peterson of Whitman	84
Elmer L. Smith of Kingston	27
Blanks	74

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT—THIRD PLYMOUTH DISTRICT.

Elmer L. Curtis of Hingham	335
Spencer H. Stoughton of Cohasset	1
John W. Sidney of Cohasset	1
George Jason of Cohasset	1
Appleton Knowles of Cohasset	1
George O. Higgins of Cohasset	1
Blanks	144

COUNTY COMMISSIONER—NORFOLK.

Daniel J. McDonald, 2d, of Quincy	15
John F. Merrill of Quincy	320
Ray M. Souther of Cohasset	1
Blanks	148

REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY—NORFOLK COUNTY.

John D. Cobb of Dedham	323
Albert Hess of Randolph	10
Abraham J. Antoine	1
Blanks	150

CONVENTION OF TOWN CLERKS.

Third Plymouth District.

On the thirteenth day of Nov. A. D. 1908, the Town Clerks of Hingham, Cohasset and Hull, said towns comprising the Third Plymouth Representative District, assembled at the office of the Town Clerk in Hingham at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of examining the returns of votes given in, and determining who had been elected to represent said District, in the General Court, to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday in January, 1909, proceeded to canvass said returns and found the ballots given in for the several candidates to be as follows:

	Hingham.	Cohasset.	Hull.	Total.
Elmer L. Curtiss of Hingham	588	335	139	1062
Charles B. Hayward	4	....	....	4
Charles H. Hayward	1	....	....	1
Edward G. Knight	1	....	....	1
Blanks	186	149	86	421
Totals	780	484	225	1,489

It appearing that Elmer L. Curtiss of Hingham had received a plurality of the votes given in, a certificate of election was issued to him.

FRED H. MILLER,
Town Clerk of Hingham.

HARRY F. TILDEN,
Town Clerk of Cohasset.

List of Marriages, Births and Deaths—Registered in Cohasset During the Year 1908.

MARRIAGES.

DATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.	WHERE AND BY WHOM MARRIED.
Jan. 1	Harry A. McBride Gertrude Webster Tilden	So. Hero, Vt. Scituate	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Howard K. Bartow.
March 2	Albert S. Baker Lucy A. Streight	Boston Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Patrick H. Riley.
April 26	John Golden Mary Curren	Cohasset Roxbury	Married at Boston by Rev. Thomas A. Walsh.
May 3	Elmer Stanley Williams Florence Bates Lincoln	Cohasset Scituate	Married at Scituate by Rev. Hartwell J. Bartlett.
May 10	Edward Joyce Ellen Joyce	Watertown Cohasset	Married at Watertown by Rev. John S. Cullen.
June 7	George Clarke Emily Cooper	Roxbury Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Howard K. Bartow.
June 7	Harry A. Pattision Lena F. Oliver	Cohasset Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Patrick H. Riley.
June 10	George Wilbur Morse Sarah Ann Hersey	Cohasset Hingham	Married at Hingham by Rev. Louis C. Cornish.
June 11	Joseph Chapman Ruth Pitkin	Philadelphia, Pa. Brookline	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Howard K. Bartow.
June 17	Carroll Daley Delia O'Hara	Cohasset Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Edmund C. Sliney.
July 22	Joseph W. McGaragle Anita L. Sylvia	Winthrop Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Patrick H. Riley.

Aug. 18	Hjalmar Hansen	Cohasset	Married at Boston by Rev. Charles F. Johansson.
	Gerda Olivia Johnson	Cohasset	
Aug. 27	Homer W. Blanchard	Boston	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Howard K. Bartow.
	Sadie Baurgault	Boston	
Aug. 29	Arthur Parker Lewis	Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Howard K. Bartow.
	Mary Ripley Wilbur	Cohasset	
Aug. 29	Ralph Webster Litchfield	Cohasset	Married at Boston by Rev. Frank L. Luce.
	Annie Belle Raymond	Dorchester	
Sept. 6	Frank P. Lord	Weymouth	Married at Lowell by Rev. E. Victor Bigelow.
	Mabel F. Nott	Cohasset	
Oct. 20	Ralph Davisson Laurie	Hingham	Married at Hingham by Rev. Frank B. McAllister.
	Blanche Gertrude Tinkham	Cohasset	
Nov. 15	Arthur Boyne Howe	So. Weymouth	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Patrick H. Riley.
	Mary Josephine Mulcahy	Cohasset	
Dec. 2	Arthur Lincoln Marshall	Cambridge	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Howard K. Bartow.
	Oriano Augusta Souther	Cohasset	
Dec. 20	James Denver McKey	Hingham	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Howard K. Bartow.
	Abbie Merritt	Cohasset	
Dec. 24	Israel N. Small	Cohasset	Married at Cohasset by Rev. Frank B. McAllister.
	Nellie Francis (Eaton) Spear	Cohasset	

Twenty-one marriages were registered in Cohasset as per above list, of which thirteen were solemnized in this town Nine grooms and fourteen brides were residents of Cohasset.

HARRY F. TILDEN, Town Clerk.

BIRTHS, 1908.

DATE.	NAME.	PARENT'S NAME.	MOTHER'S M. N.	PLACE OF BIRTH.
Jan. 4	Grace Ellis Jason.	George and Elizabeth A.	Silvia.	Pond St.
Jan. 10	Alice Elizabeth Black.	Herman and Charlotte.	Parton.	Smith Place.
Jan. 22	George Francis Burke.	Michael A. and Annie.	McNamara.	Pleasant St.
Jan. 26	Norman Steven Sydney	John W. and Fannie.	Harvey.	Stockbridge St.
Feb. 16	Veola Marie Lincoln.	Elijah F. and Ellen H.	Carlson.	Beechwood St.
Feb. 24	Herbert William Campbell.	Frank H. and Eunice E.	Stewart.	Pond St.
Mar. 2	Joseph Leo Meehan.	Michael J. and Laura K.	Keville.	Jerusalem Road.
Mar. 9	Robert Roderick McLeod.	Norman L. and Emma J.	Morrison.	King St.
Mar. 18	Joseph Migliaccio.	Nicola and Maria.	Tamello.	Jerusalem Road.
April 2	Anna Lucretia Brough.	James M. and Mary.	McIntosh.	So. Main St.
April 4	Grace Crosby Winters.	John H. and Mabel F.	Treat.	Atlantic Ave.
April 4	David Souther, Jr.	David and Mabel.	MacKenzie.	King St.
April 12	Arthur Lean Clark.	Edgar C. and Elizabeth.	Lean.	Hull St.
April 14	Edward Perry Jacome.	Joseph P. and Marguerite.	Morris.	Lincoln Hillside.
April 17	William Russell Atkinson.	Christopher H. and Ellen.	Garrity.	Margin St.
April 20	Mabel Doris Gillis.	John M. and Ada.	Allen.	Beach St.
April 23	Henry Hogan James.	William and Mary.	McDonald.	Highland Ave.
April 27	John Salvador Roche.	Thomas A. and Virginia E.	Salvador.	No. Main St.
April 30	Richard Moses Hare.	Richard N. and Josephine M.	Watson.	Oak St.
May 18	Robert Gavin Ainslie.	William J. and Susan C.	Jack.	Doane St.
May 26	Constance Crocker.	George G., Jr., and Julia H.	Hutchins.	Jerusalem Road.
May 29	Pauline Bridgham.	Paul C. and Gertrude R.	Murray.	So. Main St.
June 3	——— O'Donnell.	Joseph and Annie.	O'Brien.	Hull St.
June 4	Herbert Tilden Stoddard	Alexander E. and Ella H.	Tilden.	Elm St.
June 4	Samuel Herbert Nichols.	Samuel H. and Emily.	Curtis.	Sohier St.
June 14	Julia Lillian Lyons.	Michael and Bridget.	Coyne.	James Lane.
June 18	Alice Elizabeth Small.	Ernest H. and Katherine M.	Parker.	Border St.
June 22	John Murray Smith.	Herbert C. and Margaret.	Cue.	Parker Ave.
June 23	John Jason Davenport.	Arthur A. and Anna E.	Powers.	Cedar St.

June 24	Ruth Crocker Bates.	Henry B. and Bessie L.	Crocker.	So. Main St.
June 26	Mary Catherine Sylvia.	Antoine and Lucy A.	Silvia.	Parker Ave.
July 2	Edward Babson Gammons.	Charles W. and Edith J.	Tower.	Highland Ave.
July 4	——— Shea.	John J. and Catherine A.	Greeley.	Forest Ave.
July 7	Georgietta Stoddard. } Twins.	Henry L. and Mary E.	Williamson.	Beechwood St.
July 7	Henrietta Stoddard. }			
July 9	Henry Arthur Brasill.	Clarence S. and Mary J.	Delory.	Beechwood St.
July 23	Mary Leslie Doris. } Twins	Frank J. and Elizabeth.	Frates.	Parker Ave.
July 23	Elizabeth Lillian Doris. }			
July 29	Nathan Souther.	William O., Jr., and Louise.	Stoddard.	Elm St.
Aug. 30	ClarenceWalkerBarron Salvador	Manuel E. and Theresa.	Azeota.	Stockbridge St.
Aug. 30	Dorothy Davis Lincoln.	Fred J. and Jennie L.	Lawson.	So. Main St.
Sept. 21	Leland Towle.	Odin and Anna L.	Kimball.	So. Main St.
Sept. 21	Margaret Mary Cummings.	Dennis J. and Julia A.	Driscoll.	Jerusalem Road.
Oct. 8	Rose Elizabeth L'Avangie.	William and Maggie.	Fouger.	Elm St.
Oct. 11	John Joseph Connell Valine.	George P. and Mary A.	Connell.	Highland Ave.
Oct. 17	Earle Russell McArthur.	William H. and Rhoda M.	Rushlow.	Reechwood St.
Oct. 24	Alice Elizabeth Enos.	Charles J. and Inez F.	Martin.	Spring St.
Nov. 10	James Watt.	John and Harriet.	Root.	Summer St.
Nov. 18	Clarence Manuel Grassie.	Patrick and Fannie.	Silvia	Stockbridge St.
Dec. 6	John Lewis Pattison.	Harry A. and Lena.	Oliver.	Elm St.
Dec. 7	Mary Eunice Silvia.	Joseph F. and Eunice.	Mello.	Oak St.
Dec. 9	Thomas Edward Keefe.	Patrick J. and Katherine.	Donahue.	King St.
Dec. 12	Ella Bradford Hillis.	Alexander C. and Roberta.	Eddy.	So. Main St.
Dec. 13	Hjalmer Wilhelm Hansen.	Hjalmer and Gerda.	Johnson.	Jerusalem Road.
Dec. 28	Philip Warren Coyne.	Patrick and Annie.	Walsh.	Highland Ave.
Dec. 30	——— Bates.	Rufus A and Lucy E.	Vinal.	Beechwood St.
Dec. 31	Eleanor Alice Frates.	Charles E. and Alice A.	Antoine.	Elm Court.
June 19, 1906.	Gladys Lucretia Studley.	Arthur and Cora B.	Reynolds.	Hull St.

The above list contains the names of fifty-seven babies born in Cohasset in 1908, of which thirty one were males and twenty six were females' with parentage as follows: American father and American mother, 26; American father and foreign mother, 11; foreign father and American mother, 7; foreign father and foreign mother, 13.

HARRY F. TILDEN, Town Clerk.

DEATHS, 1908.

DATE	NAME	AGE Y.	M.	D.	CAUSE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH
Jan. 15	Margaret Elizabeth Tower	60	5	15	Uterine Cancer	South Main Street
Jan. 17	Elisha Stetson	79			Pul. Tuberculosis	Boston
Jan. 18	Louise Silvia	10	7	26	Lobar Pneumonia	Waltham
Jan. 22	(a) Charles A. Welch	92	11	23	Acute Bronchitis	South Main Street
Feb. 9	(b) Elizabeth Hart	40			Pernicious Anæmia	South Main Street
Feb. 26	Alicia V. Crehore	47	6	25	Hematoporphyrinuria	Boston
Feb. 16	Priscilla Lincoln Bates	75	6	10	Atony of Stomach	North Main Street
Feb. 19	(c) John W. Fratus	35	7	15	Fracture of Skull	Beechwood Street
Feb. 27	Bridget McNamara	78			Bronchitis	Summer Street
Feb. 29	(d) Joseph Manuel Jason	17	8		Accidental Drowning	Gulf River off Snow pl
Mar. 9	Eliza Jane Pratt	71	11	2	Influenza	Elm Street
Mar. 19	(a) ——— Clark			1	Cerebral Hemmorhage	Boston
Mar. 20	(e) John Bryant	56	8	12	Abdominal Sarcoma	Boston
April 3	(f) Eugene McSweeney	84		29	Chronic Diffuse Nephritis	North Main Street
April 16	(g) Miriam Lary	3	6		Scarlet Fever	Worcester
April 20	(h) Richard Manning	45			Osteo Sarcoma of Femur	Boston
May 5	(d) Manuel Sylvia Leonard	63	4	4	Diphtheria	Elm Street
May 17	Marianna Silvia Anderson	73			Heart Failure	Beechwood Street
June 5	Emily Jane Nichols	30	1	7	Cerebral Embolism	Sohier Street
June 10	Samuel Pomeroy Bates	71	11	6	Hypostatic Pneumonia	South Main Street
June 13	(a) Alexander Williams	53	1	5	Bright's Disease	South Main Street
June 19	Emma Crocker Denithorne	58	10		Myocarditis	Border Street
June 25	Ruth Crocker Bates			2	Premature Birth	South Main Street
July 7	Henrietta Stoddard				Premature Birth	Beechwood Street
July 7	Georgietta Stoddard				Premature Birth	Beechwood Street
Aug. 17	Howard Bliss Creed	31	5		Pyemia	Norfolk Road
Aug. 24	——— Hutchinson			1	Premature Birth	Boston

Sept. 12	Carroll Gould Browne	2	4	6	Acute Broncho-Pneumonia		North Main Street
Sept. 26	(a) George B. Little	61	1	12	Cerebral Hemmorhage		Jerusalem Road
Sept. 26	Mary Ellen Thomas	30		7	Tuberculosis of the Lungs		Beechwood Street
Sept. 26	(c) John H. Wholley	23	11	2	Traumatic Amp. both legs		Boston
Oct. 5	Rufus Bates	80	7		Broncho-Pneumonia		Brook Street
Oct. 28	James D. Lincoln	70			Broncho-Pneumouia		Westboro, Mass.
Nov. 8	James Pettee	80	4		Arterial Stenosis		Jerusalem Road
Nov. 8	(c) Thomas E. Keefe	30	7	27	Poisoning by Ill. gas.	(suicidal)	Boston
Nov. 9	(i) Elizabeth C Stewart	80	7	4	Lobar Pneumonia		Spring Street
Nov. 11	Joseph Nichols	78			Uraemla		South Main Street
Dec. 10	(j) Oliver B. Griffin	52	1	16	General Peritonitis		Elm Street
Dec. 21	Thomas Lothrop	89	10		Cancer		Atlantic Avenue
Dec. 22	(c) Mary O'Brien	64	1	3	Pneumonia		Boston
Dec. 23	Henry Hogan James		8		Congestion of Brain		Highland Avenue
Dec. 23	Frederick A. Pratt	66		22	Valvular Disease of Heart		Doane Street
Jan. 24	Harriet Torrey Marble	86	10	15	Influenza		Scituate
Mar. 3	Mary S. Studley	86	10	22	Acute Bronchitis		Marshfield
Mar. 9	Herbert Keegan		5	30	Pneumonia		Cambridge
May 8	Annie Morris	33			Septic Peritonitis		
July 24	Sarotino Gilsomino		4		Chronic Meningitis		Scituate
July 31	Ernest Jordan		4		Tuberculer Peritonitis		Scituate
July 31	Leo Ryan		1	2	Choeangitis		Scituate
Aug. 15	Horace Cooper		3	23	General Tuberculosis		Scituate
Aug. 19	Dorothy Laster		1	14	Marasmus		Scituate
Aug. 18	Irene B. Harlow	60	2		Cancer of Breast		Boston
1890	Isabel Ferraria		15				Scituate
1888	Elizabeth Ferraria	7	6				Scituate
Sept. 3	Amalia Giainio		7		General Tuberculosis		Scituate
Sept. 25	Robert C. Eastman	57			Pernicious Anaemia		Scituate
Oct. 2	Edward H. Arnold	74	8	18	Pneumonia		Hingham

(a) Buried at Forest Hills. (b) Buried at Roxbury. (c) Buried at Hingham. (d) Buried at Scituate. (e) Buried at Cambridge. (f) Buried at West Quincy. (g) Buried at Auburn, Me. (h) Buried at New Haven, Conn. (i) Buried at Norwell. (j) Buried at Anisquam. (k) Buried at Rockland.

The above list comprises fifty-seven names, and includes twenty-seven who have died in other places, who were either residents of this town or were brought here for burial. Of the thirty who died in this town seventeen were males and thirteen were females, and their average age was fifty-one years, eleven months and twenty-six days.

Thirteen were born in Cohasset, four in Boston, two in Scituate, one in Wareham, one in Provincetown, one in Maine, one in New Hampshire, and seven in foreign countries.

Five were under five years, none between five and ten, one between ten and twenty, none between twenty and thirty, four between thirty and forty, one between forty and fifty, three between fifty and sixty, four between sixty and seventy, six between seventy and eighty, five between eighty and ninety, and one over ninety years of age.

HARRY F. TILDEN,
Town Clerk.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE SELECTMEN

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1908.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1908.

In presenting the annual report we would call the attention of the voters to the necessity of carefulness in the appropriations for the ensuing year, over the amounts estimated for necessary expenses.

The item of abatements for the year just closed is quite large, and in order to get the taxes in shape for collection the assessors have abated some taxes which from change of owners and removal were uncollectable. This will not occur again, and taxpayers must be more prompt in the payment of their taxes or the collection as the law provides must follow.

The moth account has exceeded very much the appropriation, a portion of which has been reimbursed by the state and individuals as per recapitulation table.

The appropriation for Strait's Pond has been exceeded in consequence of repairs made upon the gate so the pond could be kept full. We had expected the new bridge ordered by the Commissioners would have been built ere the season began, but in this we were disappointed.

The street watering has exceeded appropriation as when the town voted to water King street no provision was made for water cart; also on account of the water running short. Oil and Tarvia was used on some of the streets, a private citizen contributing the oil used on his front. The Tarvia was put upon the Main street from Depot avenue north. It may be best to use oil or Tarvia on the most travelled streets and make no attempt to water them.

The lawsuits have been very expensive as will be seen by the account, and there are bills still unpaid. No appropriation was made for this expense.

Mr. Alexander Williams, some months before his decease, presented the town with the float he had built in a substantial manner and used some years at the Harbor. The Selectmen received the gift thankfully, and assured him the town would gladly accept it and place it where it would be most useful to those having occasion to use it.

EXPENDITURES.

Town of Cohasset for the Year Ending December 31, 1908.

ABATEMENTS.

Paid abatement on taxes, 1899	$27 00	
Paid abatement on taxes, 1900	130 59	
Paid abatement on taxes, 1901	110 88	
Paid abatement on taxes, 1902	193 52	
Paid abatement on taxes, 1903	321 33	
Paid abatement on taxes, 1904	362 03	
Paid abatement on taxes, 1905	427 72	
Paid abatement on taxes, 1906	278 10	
Paid abatement on taxes, 1907	94 71	
Paid abatement on taxes, 1908	334 03	
		$2,279 91
Abatements made under the Acts of 1906, Chap. 315, entitled An Act relative to the exemption from taxation of veterans of the civil war and their widows		$45 00

BALL FIELD.

Paid Richard N. Hare	$15 75	
Sylvanus I. Tower, labor	3 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., posts	89	
Aaron Pratt, rent of field	40 00	
George Jason, rolling ball field	7 00	
		$66 64

BILLINGS-PRATT PARK.

Paid George F Sargent, labor	$26 00

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid Arthur Studley, quarantine	$62 00	
Harry A. Whitelaw, quarantine	60 00	
Mrs. Geo. Dyment, quarantine	36 00	
Edward L. Brickett, quarantine	60 00	
O. H. Howe, Med. Att.	18 50	
Frederick Hinchliffe,	53 00	
Harry F. Tilden, team	11 25	
H. L. Willard, team, B. of H.	3 00	
O. H. Howe, M.D., services	9 30	
O. H. Howe, M.D., paid express	1 80	
American Distributing Co.	28 79	
Schering & Glatz, disinfectant	53 44	
Sylvanus I Tower, burying dog	1 00	
Fred C. Blossom, burying dead animals	6 00	
Frank D. Grassie and others removing dead animal	8 00	
John H. Wilbur, cleaning pond	18 00	
B. F. Morse, cleaning pond	15 00	
John W. Mulcahy, cleaning pond	18 00	
Philander Bates, services	33 00	
Herbert L. Brown, services	20 50	
Cohasset Sentinel, Board of Health notice	48 00	
		$564 58

FORE RIVER BRIDGE.

Paid Walter W. Hersey, Treasurer $120 00

COMMONS.

Paid Benjamin F. Morse, labor	$119 50	
John H. Wilbur, labor	69 00	

Paid Tower Bros. & Co., seeds and fertilizer	$7 78	
Joseph St. John, seeds	4 10	
Estate Allen C. Bates, tools	9 10	
		$209 48

COUNTY TAX.

Paid Henry D. Humphrey, Treas.	$4,822 09

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid orders of the Board of Engineers	$2,068 25

GATES.

Paid Tower Bros. & Co., lumber and cement Cove Bridge	$65 39

HIRED MONEY AND INTEREST.

Paid Cohasset Savings Bank, notes	$24,506 26	
Cohasset Savings Bank, int.	3,344 19	
Webster and Atlas Nat. Bank notes	25,000 00	
Webster and Atlas Nat. Bank, int.	17 80	
Hingham Nat. Bank, notes	7,500 00	
Hingham Nat. Bank, int.	366 25	
Cohasset Free Public Library, Oliver H. Howe, Treas., int.	307 20	
		$61,041 70

HIGHWAY APPROPRIATION.

Paid orders of the Superintendent of Streets	$9,946 81	

HARBOR APPROPRIATION.

Paid Manuel E. Salvador	$45 00	
Robert Ainslie	20 60	
Tower Bros. & Co.	83	
		$66 43

INSPECTION OF CATTLE.

Paid Darius W. Gilbert	$100 00	

LEGAL COUNSEL.

Paid Wm. H. Brown, John Roche case	$160 00	
Thomas Mannix, Moore case	600 00	
Richard Cadden, Moore case, witness	3 15	
R. H. Priest, Moore case, witness	6 50	
Helen P. Nelson, Moore case, services	45 95	
Thomas Mannix, on account Supt. moth work	150 00	
Whipple, Sears & Ogden, on account Supt. moth work	158 90	
		$1,124 50

LIQUOR APPROPRIATION.

Paid Thomas L. Bates, services	$422 75	
Edw. E. Wentworth, services	150 00	
		$572 75

MEMORIAL DAY.

Paid W. F. Thayer, Quartermaster	$200 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Joseph Breck & Sons, pump and repairs	$5 25	
E. L. James, commission	25 00	
Edw. E. Wentworth, court fees	26 14	

Paid Harry F. Tilden, team for constables . . .	$143 00
H. L. Willard, team for constables	64 00
Geo. F. Sargent, Jr., painting guide boards . . .	16 35
W. & L. E. Gurley, on account Sealer of W. & M. .	82 45
Malden Specialty Co., on account Sealer of W. & M. .	1 50
William J. Brennock, keeper of lockup . . .	10 00
Thomas L. Bates, court fees	42 29
R. Worthington, copy of record	1 50
Benjamin F. Morse, distributing reports . . .	8 00
Oliver H. Howe, return of births	3 75
Mrs. Henry Keating, services at lockup. . . .	3 00
Herbert L. Brown, paint .	2 40
Herbert L. Brown, paid cleaning well . . .	2 00
Darius W. Gilbert, killing and burying dogs . .	34 00
Manuel S. Enos, posting warrants	2 00
Tower Bros. & Co., paint, and manilla for G. A. R. .	7 50
Cecelia O'Rouke, meals lockup	2 00
Joseph St. John, oil, etc., for lockup . . .	1 07

Paid Henry E. Brennock, court fees	$7 72
Henry E. Brennock, labor on flag pole, G. A. R.	10 50
Peter F. Brennock, labor on flag pole, G. A. R.	6 25
Harry F. Tilden, team on flag pole, G. A. R.	2 50
E. W. Chambers, mailing warrants	9 72
Boston Nickel Plating Co., on acct. Sealer of W. & M.	6 35
Sidney L. Beal, court fees	50
Pinkerton Detective Agency	78 00
Oliver Whyte & Co.	1 88
W. H. Sturgis, M. D., professional services	5 00
J. R. McCoole, copy of wills	16 00
E. L. Burdakin, copy of transfers	20 00
Treas. Benevolent Society, dinners Elec. Officers	10 00
Hobbs & Warren, blanks	3 38
Damage done by boys, May and July nights:	
Tower Bros & Co., lumber	3 72
Alexander Brown	7 38
Louis I. Goodwin	5 25
Otis O. Bishop	5 00
Hannah E. Beal	3 45
Cohasset Water Co, change of pipe	35 49
Philander Bates, express, postage, etc.	26 61

Paid Charles V. Barnes, labor on voting booths	$4	92
Masten & Wells, flag	3	83
Elmer E. Bates, team for police	1	00
Elmer E. Bates, teaming on acct. flag pole, G. A. R.	2	50
E. E. H. Souther, cleaning dress	1	50
R. W. Hare, burying dog	1	50
Sylvanus F. Treat, shingling G. A. R. Hall	72	91
C. Lothrop, insurance G. A. R. Hall	22	50
City of Quincy, care of prisoners	3	85
Tower Bros. & Co., Railing, Border and Church streets	20	78
Tower Bros. & Co., paint	4	43
Tower Bros. & Co.	2	20
Edw. E. Wentworth, dog law	36	00
John W. Bates, team for officer	5	00
James M. Keating, burying dog	2	00
Harry F. Tilden, team for Registrars	2	50
Harry F. Tilden, team for John Flemming		50
C. Edward Fox, moving float	5	00
Paid John J. Grassie, killing dogs	4	00
W. J. Brennock, coat stolen	20	00
Willard J. Coombs, killing dog	1	00

Paid Central House, lunch for election	$5 50
E. Howard Clock Co.	15 00
Frederick Hinchliffe, return of births	25
Fred H. Miller, copy of deed	5 00
John W. Brennock, moving float	5 00
Elijah F. Lincoln, town boundaries	3 00
Harry F. Tilden, miss. accts.	11 00
Harry F. Tilden, team selectmen	2 50
Harry F. Tilden, paid express	2 75
Harry F. Tilden, stationery	7 91
Harry F. Tilden, recording 60 births	30 00
Harry F. Tilden, recording 21 marriages	4 20
Harry F. Tilden, recording 57 deaths	11 40
Harry F. Tilden, two returns	50
Harry F. Tilden, 35 oaths	8 75
Harry F. Tilden, 30 burial permits	4 50
Frank Jason, court fees	1 70
Estate Allen C. Bates, fountains	6 10
H. L. Willard, team assessors	7 50
H. L. Willard, selectmen	3 00
H. L. Willard, miss. accts.	8 00
H. E. Fernald, return of births	9 75
N. B. Tower, paid bond	40 00
N. B. Tower, postage, etc.	60 00

Paid N. B. Tower, copy of Real Estate	$3 00	
Wm. T. Tilden, care of clock	30 00	
Wm. T. Tilden, labor on booths	13 50	
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber for gate, Nichols road	6 16	
Chas. V. Barnes, labor on gate, Nichols road	11 48	
Wm. T. Tilden, labor on gate, Nichols road	9 50	
George Young, care of gate, Nichols road	25 00	
Harry F. Tilden, team, gate, Nichols road	9 00	
Harry F. Lincoln, paint for bridges	72 15	
Harry F. Lincoln, labor on bridges	190 50	
H. L. Brown, paid postage	2 88	
		$1,592 30

MILITARY AID.

Paid Robert L. Curtis	120 00	
Willie F. Thayer	120 00	
		$240 00

MOTH WORK.

Paid Henry L. McMahon and others, as per bills rendered	$819 55	
Joseph E. Grassie and others, as per bills rendered	5,141 53	
John Clark	12 50	
		$5,973 58

NEW ENGLAND TEL. & TEL. CO.

Paid New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	$465 59

NIGHT POLICE.

Paid Frank Jason	$808 50	
John J. Grassie	808 50	
Sidney L. Beal	808 50	
Manuel P. Valine	414 00	
Joseph A. Antoine	551 25	
Robert Ainslie	414 00	
		$3,804 75

PRINTING.

Paid Boundbrook Press	$40 50	
Gazette and Transcript Pub. Co.	21 50	
Hingham Journal, ballots, etc.	65 00	
Blanchard Printing Co., reports	194 40	
Cohasset Sentinel	6 75	
P. B. Murphy, Assessor's blanks	3 95	
Wright & Potter, blanks	1 50	
Franklin Pub. Co.	3 00	
Canton Journal, poll-tax list	11 40	
Cotton & Gould, printing	4 15	
Harry F. Tilden, paid printing	7 95	
		$360 10

POLICE REGISTER.

Paid Eco Magnetic Clock Co.	$540 00	

PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

Paid James Longley, Treas.	$1,900 00	
Ada F. Faxon	100 00	
		$2,000 00

REMOVING SNOW.

Paid sundry persons as per report of Supt. of Streets	$467 70	

STATE TAX.

Paid Arthur B. Chapin, Treas.	$10,725 00	
Arthur B. Chapin, Treas., park tax	192 12	
Arthur P. Chapin, Treas,, highway tax	114 05	
		$11,031 17

STRAIT'S POND.

Paid John Mulcahy, labor	$14 00	
Harry F. Tilden, teaming	30 10	
John F. Smith, labor	20 00	
Arthur Studley, labor	22 96	
Henry E. Brennock, labor	42 00	
F. E. White, repairing gear	9 50	
Chas. E. McKenzie, smithing	6 25	
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber	52 28	
Alfred Beal, care of gate	80 00	
		$277 09

SCHOOL APPROPRIATION.

Paid Treasurer School Committee	$17,350 00	
Transportation of scholars	3,100 00	
		$20,450 00
Dog money		433 22
Int. Ripley Fund		40 40
		$20,923 62

SPECIAL POLICE.

Paid Thomas L Bates	289 40	
Darius W. Gilbert	39 75	
John J. Grassie	3 50	
John Flemming	48 00	
Manuel S. Enos, May night	3 00	
Manuel P. Valine, special service	5 00	
Robert L. Curtis	115 00	
		$503 65

STREET LIGHTS.

Paid Cohasset Electric Co.		$6,585 00

STATE AID.

Paid Harriet J. Apts	$48 00	
Martha Barnes	48 00	
Clarinda R. Bennett	48 00	
Mary Murphy	48 00	
Ellen M. Newcomb	48 00	
Rosa A. De Santos	48 00	
William F. Thayer	72 00	
Frederick A. Pratt	40 00	
Martha Blossom	44 00	
		$444 00

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' RELIEF.

Paid Ellen M. Newcomb	$47 00	
Margaret Nott	89 50	
Emily N. Phinney	72 00	
Leander W. Groce	96 00	
Mary Morey	185 00	
Ida E. Minot	72 00	
Willie F. Thayer	15 00	
		$576 50

STREET WATERING.

Paid Alban D. Gillis, painting and repairing carts	$225 00	
F. E. Whitney, repairs on engines	118 25	
Harry F. Tilden, carting engine	23 00	
Charles Longnecker, water cart	257 94	
N. Y. N. H. & H. R. Road, freight	22 04	

Paid John F. Smith, labor on engines	$16 00
George Jason, watering streets	875 00
Franklin Beal, watering streets	500 00
Harry F. Tilden, watering streets	480 00
Joseph E. Grassie, watering streets	400 00
Oliver H. Bates, watering streets	500 00
Harry F. Tilden, oiling streets	64 50
Hingham Water Co., stand pipe	15 00
Hingham Water Co., water	133 00
Lot W. Bates, rent of tank	30 00
Joseph E. Grassie, rent of tank	95 00
Cohasset Water Co., stand pipe and repairing	68 80
Thayer-Hovey Soap Co., soap	5 00
Barrett Mfg. Co., Tarvia for road	54 44
Standard Oil Co., oil	227 73
N.Y. N. H. & Hartford R.R., freight on oil	48 40
Tower Bros. & Co., gasolene, etc.	50 87
Elmer E. Bates, sand	2 00
Joseph A. Valine, care of pump	35 00
Chas. E. McKenzie, repairing carts	35 85

Paid Manuel E. Salvador, gasolene	118 50	
Henry E. Brennock, labor Mill Bridge Pump	52 25	
Henry E. Brennock, Beechwood pump	29 50	
John T. Keating, labor Beechwood pump	3 00	
Geo. Jason, gravel stand pipe	1 75	
Franklin Stoddard, labor on pump	1 00	
		$4,488 82

TOWN HALL.

Paid Cohasset Electric Co., lights	$193 60	
Harry W. Lincoln, painting	35 08	
Wm. H. Fowler, repairing seats	3 65	
Lincoln Bros., coal	42 75	
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber and coal	143 78	
Lincoln Bros. Co., coal	29 47	
Edgar J. Pratt, range	149 05	
Wm. T. Tilden, labor	18 75	
Wm. T. Tilden, supplies	8 95	
Chas. V. Barnes, labor	10 66	
Harry R. Pratt, electric work	6 90	
Caleb Lothrop, insurance	112 50	
Philander Bates, insurance	112 00	
Masten & Wells, flag	13 25	
Joseph St. John	60	
Oliver Whyte, window guards	16 68	
Edgar J. Pratt, labor	26 02	
Est. Allen C. Bates, supplies	6 08	
Wm. T. Tilden, janitor	300 00	
		$1,230 27

TOWN HISTORY.

Paid Treasurer of Committee		$1,000 00

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Fred L. Reed, services as Auditor, 1907	$50 00
Philander Bates, services and expenses as Selectman	225 00
Joseph S. Bigelow, services and expenses as Selectman	125 00
Herbert L. Brown, services and expenses as Selectman	155 43
Philander Bates, services and expenses as Assessor	255 00
Joseph S. Bigelow, services and expenses as Assessor	150 00
Herbert L. Brown, services and expenses as Assessor	215 10
Philander Bates, services and expenses corporation tax	18 00
Herbert L. Brown, services and expenses corporation tax	15 00
Newcomb B. Tower, services as Collector	600 00
Newcomb B. Tower, services as Treasurer	400 00
Newcom Tower, services a expenses corporation tax	12 00
Harry F. Tilden, services as Town Clerk	100 00
Harry F. Tilden, services as Registrar	20 00
Caleb F. Nichols, services as Registrar	20 00
John L. Pratt, services as Registrar	20 00

Paid George O. Higgins, services as Registrar . . .	$20 00	
Philander Bates, services and expenses as Superintendent of Streets . . .	999 97	
Paid John Roche, services Election Officer . . .	3 50	
Geo. P. Neagle, services Election Officer . . .	7 00	
Abraham J. Antoine, services Election Officer . .	7 00	
Edgar W. Bates, services Election Officers . .	7 00	
Geo L. Davenport, services Election Officer . .	3 50	
Geo. Jason, services Election Officer	7 00	
Thomas L. Bates, services Election Officer . .	7 00	
Spencer H. Stoughton, services Election Officer .	7 00	
Frank W. Wheelwright, services Election Officer .	7 00	
Henry E. Brennock, services Election Officer . .	3 50	
Edw. E. Wentworth, services as Constable . . .	36 50	
Henry E. Brennock, services as Constable . . .	46 50	
John T. Keating, services as Constable . . .	49 00	
Paul J. Bates, services as Sealer Weights & Measures	50 00	
Manuel S. Enos, services as Harbor Master . . .	32 00	
		$3674 00

TREE WARDEN.

Paid Henry L. McMahon and others	$122 88	
Joseph E. Grassie	410 02	
		$532 90

WIDENING COVE BRIDGE.

Paid award to H. A. Tilden, by order of adm. of est. Chas. S. Bates		$478 00

WATER FOR HYDRANTS.

Paid Cohasset Water Co.	$3,350 00	
Hingham Water Co.	175 00	
		$3,525 00

WOODSIDE CEMETERY.

Paid Chas. F. Wilbur, labor	$11 00	
John H. Wilbur, labor	11 00	
B. F. Morse, labor	18 50	
Harry F. Tilden, team	16 00	
Geo. L. Davenport, surveying	4 00	
Newcomb B. Tower, 8 deeds	4 00	
		$64 50

ESTIMATES.

Amounts as estimated by the Selectmen for the current expenses of the town for the year 1909:

For payment of debt	$5,375 00
payment of interest	4,000 00
support of schools	17,550 00
transportation of scholars	3,100 00
support of relief of poor	8,000 00
highways and sidewalks	9,000 00

For	electric lights	$6,600 00
	water for hydrants and public buildings	3,550 00
	watering streets	4,500 00
	soldiers' and sailors' relief	575 00
	town officers	3,700 00
	night police	3,800 00
	special police	500 00
	fire department	2,725 00
	removing snow	500 00
	public libraries	2,000 00
	Memorial day	200 00
	military aid	240 00
	moth work	2,860 00
	printing	350 00
	inspection of cattle	100 00
	town hall	1,200 00
	tree warden	350 00
	board of health	600 00
	incidentals	1,500 00
	town commons	250 00
	Straits pond	100 00
	Gate Cove bridge	400 00
		$83,625 00

LIST OF JURORS DRAWN.

During the Year 1908.

March 19, William C. Appleton, Grand Juror.
March 26, George Jason, Superior Court.
Sept. 28, Joshur F. Higgins, Superior Court.
Nov. 28, Thomas L. Bates, Superior Court.
Dec. 28, Frank W. Browne, Superior Court.
Dec. 28, Chas. T. Bourne, Superior Court.

LIST OF JURORS.

As prepared by the Selectmen, in accordance with the revised laws.

NAME.	OCCUPATION.	STREET.
Franklin Beal,	stable keeper,	Hull
Fred C. Blossom,	painter,	Border
Augustus S. Burgess,	carpenter,	Border
Charles T. Bourne,	retired,	Margin
Frank W. Browne,	apothecary,	So. Main
Willard J. Coombs,	painter,	Short
B. Preston Clark,	trustee,	Atlantic Ave.
Charles H. Hackett,	miller,	Beechwood
Joseph St. John,	grocer,	So. Main
Fred G. James,	laborer,	King
Ezekiel L. James,	broker,	King
George W. Kimball,	farmer,	So. Main
Thomas F. Kinsley,	carpenter,	Beechwood
Charles C. Lincoln,	retired,	So. Main
Elijah F. Lincoln,	laborer,	Beechwood
Albert W. Morris,	carpenter,	Norfolk Rd.
Arthur Mulvey,	broker,	Forest Ave.
Benjamin F. Morse,	laborer,	No. Main
George P. Neagle,	clerk,	Border
Edward Nichols,	architect,	Ripley Road
Andrew H. Prouty,	laborer,	Pleasant
Samuel E. Pratt,	farmer,	Beechwood
Edgar J. Pratt,	plumber,	Ripley Road
George H. Stevens,	insurance,	So. Main
George F. Sargent, Jr.,	painter,	Beechwood
Charles Sylvia,	broker,	Border
Edwin F. Souther,	retired,	Sohier
Edward C. Tower,	cushionmaker,	So. Main
Manuel P. Valine,	night police,	Stockbridge
Frank W. Wheelwright,	farmer,	Beechwood
James A Washington,	porter,	No. Main

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Due from Commonwealth for State and Military aid	$564 00
Town of Deerfield	110 25
Town of Hingham	120 95
City of Boston	466 06
Town of Scituate	6 00
Julia A. Glynn	157 66
Town Wharf	800 00
Pumping Plant, Border Street	700 00
Pumping Plant, Beechwood Street	400 00
Five Sprinkling Wagons	1,200 00
Odorless Excavator	250 00
Steam Roller and Building	1,800 00
Two water tanks, North Main street	150 00
Balance in Treasury	24,121 99
	$30,846 91
Total debt of town	$94,429 84
Deduct assets	30,846 91
Net debt	$63,582 93

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN.

January 21, 1909.

OSGOOD SCHOOL HOUSE, DEBT ISSUED JANUARY 1, 1901.

Cohasset Savings Bank, 1 note due 1909	$1,375 00
" " " 1 " 1910	1,375 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, 5 notes, $4,000 each, one of which becomes due each year, 1909 to 1913	20,000 00

Cohasset Savings Bank, 1 Almshouse note	$14,000 00
" " " 9 demand notes	38,000 00
Cohasset Free Public Library, 1 demand note	3,068 43
" " " " 1 " "	4,611 41
Webster and Atlas National Bank, 1 note due July 16, 1909	12,000 00
Total interest bearing debt	$94,429 84

TABLE OF AGGREGATES.

Valuation of real estate, May 1, 1907	$3,675,817 00
Valuation of personal estate, May 1, 1907	3,472,390 00
Total valuation	$7,148,207 00
Valuation of real estate, May 1, 1908	$3,771,637 00
Valuation of personal estate, May 1, 1908	3,272,186 00
Total valuation	$7,043,823 00
Increase in real valuation	$95,820 00
Decrease in personal valuation	200,204 00
Total decrease	$104,384 00
Number of polls May 1, 1908	730
State tax, 1908	$10,725 00
Met. Park tax, 1908	192 12
Highway tax, 1908	114 05
County tax, 1908	4,822 09
Town Grant, 1908	79,299 28
Overlayings, 1908	833 33
Total tax assessed, 1908	$85,985 87

Tax rate per 1,000, 1908	$12 00
Nnmber of persons assessed	1,251
Number of persons assessed on property	868
Number of persons assessed on poll tax only	383
Number of dwellings assessed, 1908	676
Number of horses assessed, 1908	354
Number of cows assessed, 1988	201
Number of neat cattle assessed, 1908	42
Number of swine assessed, 1908	18
Number of fowl assessd, 1908	1040
Number of acres land assessed, 1908	6042
Population of the town as per last census, 1905	2727
A gain of 253 since 1895	
Males	1271
Females	1456

REPORT OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

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For the year ending December 31, 1908.

Your Overseers have endeavored to care for the needy in as economical a way as possible, but we find while the expense at the Home is lessened the outside relief has increased. Those familiar with the circumstances in some of the cases where relief has been given will note they were beyond the control of the Overseers, and if the relief given in the name of the town has helped those in need it has not been given in vain.

The expenditures at the Home have included improvements and additions to the place which will not occur another year.

The town has received from Mr. James E. Cooper, who by marriage is a member of the late James Creed family, reimbursement for the expense in caring for Mrs. Roxanna Creed and her daughter, Miss Georgianna Creed, at the Home in 1907, (see town treasurer's report). We did not think it should come into the account of 1907 as a credit, but are pleased to make note of it in this report. One of the inmates of the Home by the kindness of a relative is being cared for in a private family.

The Overseers renew the invitation to all those who have not visited the Home on Pond street to do so on the regular visiting day, Wednesday of each week, and see how nicely the place is kept and the accommodations for the inmates contained in the building, not forgetting the fine view of the surrounding territory from its location.

The following is an account of expenditures and receipts for the support and relief of the needy :

ALMSHOUSE.

Paid N. Wade, agent, curtains	$4 00
Harry F. Tilden, Grain and hay	286 05
Harry F. Tilden, team	5 40
M. G. Seaverns & Co., dry goods	1 20
Spencer H. Stoughton, labor	18 93
Cohasset Electric Co., lights	136 92
Lincoln Bros., coal	165 77
Lincoln Bros. Co., coal	118 72
Margaret Keefe, hay	31 24
Russell B. Murray, harness	22 50
H. L. Brown, groceries	99 08
Tower Bros. & Co., coal	266 25
Philander Bates, shoes	21 08
Joseph St. John, groceries	170 11
Charles E. MacKenzie, blacksmithing	105 85
Daniel De Mello, labor	75 75
E. E. H. Souther, tobacco	10 20
George W. Tinkham, salary	650 00
Thomas Mulcahy, manure	6 00
T. H. Buttimer, attorney for John Roche	480 11
Oliver H. Howe, manure	10 50
Joseph E. Frates, Jr., fish	48 61
Frank W. Browne, medcine	55 09
George Mitchell, labor	34 00
Arthur H. Thayer, meats	96 01
Frank Mitchell, labor	166 00
Thomas A. Roche, labor	13 24
Frederick Hinchcliffe, M. D., services	18 00

Paid Norris Bros. & Co., groceries and meats	$464	15
Peterson Bros., plants	8	35
Page & Baker, furniture	19	00
L. W. Vining, clothing	55	05
Cohasset Supply Co., groceries	254	68
John Silver, tonsorial artist, 1907—1908	26	15
South Shore Syndicate, Sentinel	4	00
Geo. Osgood, M.D., services	5	25
Frank E. Winslow, meats	135	69
M. J. Merriam, dry goods	115	82
Edgar J. Pratt, labor	42	10
Evan P. Wentworth, dentistry	2	00
Wm. O. Souther, ice	39	02
Est. Allen C. Bates, tinware, etc.	70	77
M. J. Sullivan, repairing	13	85
Continental Clothing Co.	35	30
J. B. White, tip-cart	17	00
Henry L. Willard, use of team	7	50
Stephen Grinnell, labor	250	00
John Morrisey, labor	27	50
C. C. Jordan, floor oil	22	00
Patrick Keefe, labor	2	00
Arthur Merritt, filing saws	1	00
Michael Sweeney, labor	21	00
S. T. Spear, goods	2	50
N. Y., N. H. and Hartford R. R., freight	1	65
H. Phillips, labor	5	00

Paid Geo. W. Tinkham, cash to and for inmates	$19 70	
Geo. W. Tinkham, sundry small bills	16 35	
Harry Ford, butter jars	2 75	
John Clark, plants	1 25	
Cobb, Aldrich & Co., goods	4 40	
Rhoades & Ripley, clothing	11 75	
Samuel G. James, use of stock	1 00	
Dr. D. W. Gilbert, services	4 50	
Geo. Monteiro, tailoring	75	
J. Breck & Sons, goods	1 50	
American Cultivator	1 00	
		$4,829 89

SERVICES OF OVERSEERS AT COHASSET HOME.

Paid Philander Bates	$30 00	
Joseph S. Bigelow	25 00	
Herbert L. Brown	20 00	
		$75 00

COHASSET HOME. CREDIT.

Received pension checks, David Lyons	$144 00
Philander Bates, trustee Lothrop fund	149 48
Philander Bates, for produce	20 00
Manuel S. Enos, for produce	20 00
Edward E. H. Souther, for produce	5 50
Charles Wilson, for produce	50
Cohasset Supply Co., for produce	6 00
Alexander Hellis, for produce	21 00
William R. Drake, for produce	49 36
Geo. W. Petersen, for produce	42 00

Geo. Jason, for produce	$12 00	
Frank Campbell, for produce	9 00	
Ella Eddy	10 00	
Julia F. Henry	8 00	
Daniel Vining	5 00	
John Roche	20 00	
Charles Curtis	3 00	
Benjamin F. Morse	8 00	
Patrick Keefe	8 00	
Cornelius Kenney	4 00	
Thomas Loney	2 00	
Paul J. Almas	6 50	
Joseph E. Butman	5 00	
Edmund M. Cronican	1 00	
Samuel D. Tower	6 00	
John Silvia	1 00	
Russell B. Murray	1 00	
Joseph Lyons	12 00	
Bertram Morse	5 00	
J. J. Sullivan, on acct. board of Mrs. Hammond	120 00	
		$704 34

Summary Cohasset Home Account.

Total debit brough forward	$4,904 89	
Total credit brought forward	704 34	
Net debit	4,200 55	

The following persons have been inmates of the Cohasset Home during the year 1908 :

William C. Hayden,
John Lothrop,
Elizabeth Hammond,
Albert Burdick,
John E. Groce,
Hester Harris,
Lillian F. Litchfield,
Elisha Lincoln,
David Lyons.

For a Portion of the Year:

Edgar Harris, Elizabeth Battles.

No tramps have been lodged at the Cohasset Home for the year 1908.

PARTIAL SUPPORT RENDERED OUTSIDE THE COHASSET HOME.

For the year ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Joseph W. Almeida and family.

Paid H. L. Brown, groceries	$84 99	
Frederick Hinchliffe, M. D., medical attendance	18 00	
		$102 99

Joseph F. Bandura and family.

Paid Massachusetts Hospital	$175 96	
George F. Welch, coal	31 81	
Frederick Hinchliffe	28 00	
Tower Bros. & Co.	34 27	
Frank W. Browne	85	
Joseph St. John, groceries	28 52	
		$299 41

Mrs. Patrick Lyons.

Paid Lincoln Bros., coal	8 70	
Lincoln Bros. Co., coal	7 25	
P. Bates, boots	1 50	
		$17 45

Mrs. Catherine Coyne and family.

Paid T. H. Emerson, coal	$ 7 75	
Everett Loud, groceries	267 92	
M. P. Gary, agent, rent	65 00	
P. Bates, boots	37 35	
		$378 02

Mrs. Frank E. Flint and family.

Orders on Treasurer	$54 00	
Paid Lincoln Bros., coal	12 45	
Lincoln Bros. Co., coal	52 50	
H. E. Fernald, M. D.	2 00	
		$120 95

Manuel Almeida and family.

Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries	$54 96	
Tower Bros & Co., coal	3 90	
		$58 86

Mary A. Hannifin and family.

Orders on Treasurer		$50 00

John W. Frates and family.

Orders on Treasurer	$10 00	
Paid H. L. Brown, groceries	26 27	
H. E. Fernald, M. D.	16 00	
Geo. F. Hayden, boots	4 25	
C. W. & E. H. Sparrell, burial	36 00	
Town of Hingham	301 34	
		$393 86

William H. Litchfield and family.

Paid M. G. Seaverns & Co., groceries	$102 74	
Lincoln Bros., coal	20 63	
Emeline A. Jacobs, rent	36 50	
Frank E. Cook, coal	3 88	
Lincoln Bros. Co., coal	7 75	
P. Bates, boots	3 85	
		$175 35

Lewis G. Bates and family.

Paid Town of Hanover	$214 83	
L. Josslyn & Son, groceries	55 43	
P. Bates, boots,	4 85	

Paid C. W. & E. H. Sparrell, burial of child	$10 00	
Conveying children to Happy Adventure, N. F.	150 00	
Clothing for children	10 00	
Fanny James, nurse	26 00	
Geo. Osgood, M. D.	35 25	
		$506 36

Elwood Vargus.

Paid William J. Almeida, board and clothing	$118 00	
Herbert L. Brown, shoes, etc.	21 70	
		$139 70

Thomas A. Tower.

Paid Mrs. W. W. Bates, rent	$75 00	
H. L. Brown, groceries	58 99	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal	11 39	
E. E. Bates, wood	7 00	
		$152 38

Mrs. Thomas S. Grassie and family.

Paid orders on Treasurer	$360 00	
Philander Bates, boots and repairing	10 80	
O. H. Howe, M. D., medical att.	13 00	
		$383 80

Mrs. Mary Britton.

Paid orders on Treasurer	$12 00

Marianna Grassie and family.

Paid orders on Treasurer	$300 00

Mary Roderick snd family.

Paid orders on Treasurer	$96 00

Delia Graham.

Paid orders on Treasurer	$6 00

Gertrude Carlson and family.

Paid orders on Treasurer	$72 00	
P. Bates, boots	12 00	
C. F. Nichols, rent	24 00	
Matthew Haly, agent, rent	36 00	
H. E. Fernald, medical attendance	103 50	
Frederick Hinchliffe, medical attendance	26 00	
Frank W. Browne, medicine	5 85	
		$279 35

Clarence Studley and family.

Paid Town of Hingham		$88 12

Richard Cadden.

Paid Tower Bros. & Co., coal		$6 25

John E. Carter.

Paid City of Cambridge	$24 57	
Commonwealth	19 14	
		$43 71

Charles H. Williams and family.

Paid orders on Treasurer	$7 00	
Aaron Pratt, rent	96 00	
Lincoln Bros., coal	7 25	
		$110 25

Mary C. Bagwell.

Paid City of Boston		$77 14

Mrs. Jesse Dean and family.

Paid orders on Treasurer		$40 00

Joseph F. Silvia, Jr.

Paid W. F. Snow, undertaker		$52 00

Caroline Silvia.

Paid H. E. Fernald, med. att.	$34 50	
Frank W. Browne, medicine	1 65	
		$36 15

Harold Tower.

Paid H. E. Fernald, M. D. .		$70 50

Mrs. Elias Thomas.

Paid Mrs. Manuel Almeida, nurse	$ 15 00	
Olive Mathies, nurse . .	135 00	
H. E. Fernald, medical attendance	102 00	
		$252 00

Caleb Beal and wife.

Paid D. T. Alexander, medical attendance . . .	$29 25	
Town of Scituate . . .	1 65	
		$30 90

Amelia Bates.

Paid Chas. Conant, rent . .		$24 00

Myra B. Litchfield.

Paid Town of Scituate . .		$37 35

Geo. McCarthy.

Paid City of Boston . . .		$127 14

Ethelynd Roche.

Paid City of Boston . . .		$15 71

Sarah Beeler.

Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries	$48 38	
H. E. Fernald, medical attendance	31 50	
George F. Hayden, boots .	2 05	
		$81 93

Daniel P. Arnold and family.

Paid Herbert L. Brown, groceries		$22 58

Mrs. J. J. Ainslie.

Paid Tower Bros. & Co., coal .	$59 84	
House rent	104 00	
H. E. Fernald, medical attendance	19 50	
P. Bates, boots . . .	2 15	
		$185 49

Oren A. Beal.

Paid O. H. Howe, M. D., medical attendance	$17 50	
Frederick Hinchliffe, medical attendance	5 00	
		$22 50

Mrs. John Silvia.

Paid P. Bates, boots		$3 00
Paid Harry F. Tilden, team		$8 50

Services and expenses of the Overseers of the Poor Outside Cohasset Home.

Paid Philander Bates	$52 00	
Herbert L. Brown	15 50	
		$67 50

Outside Partial Support—Credit.

Amount due from Town of Scituate,	$6 00	
Amount due from Town of Deerfield	110 25	
Amount due from Town of Hingham	120 95	
Total debit outside poor	$4,875 20	
Total credit outside poor	237 20	
		$4,638 00

Summary and Cost of Support and Assistance to Poor.

Net cost for support Cohasset Home	$4,200 55	
Net cost for assistance rendered outside Cohasset Home	4,638 00	
Total net cost		$8,838 55

Respectfully submitted,

PHILANDER BATES,
JOSEPH S. BIGELOW,
HERBERT L. BROWN,
Overseers of the Poor.

RECAPITULATION, 1908.

ITEMS.	Page.	Orders Drawn.	Credits.	Net Expenditures.	Appropriations.	No Appropriation.	Excess of Appropriation.	Less Than Appropriation.
Abatements	43	$2,324 91	$5 50	$2,319 41		$2,319 41		
Ball Field	43	66 64		66 64	$115 90			$49 26
Board of Health	44	564 58		564 58			$64 58	
Billings-Pratt Park	43	26 00		26 00		26 00		
Commons	44	209 48		209 48	300 00			90 52
County Tax	45	4 822 09		4,822 09	4,822 09			
Cohasset Home and Outside Relief	68	9,780 09		9,780 09	7,000 00		2,780 09	
Fore River Bridge	44	120 00		120 00		120 00		
Fire Department	45	2,068 25	40 00	2,028 25	1,500 00		528 25	
Gate, Cove Bridge	45	65 39		65 39	100 00			34 61
Hired Money	45	57,006 26		57,006 26				
Highways	45	9,946 81	1,035 00	8,911 81	9,150 00			238 19
Harbor Appropriation	46	66 43		66 43	244 80			178 37
Inspection of Cattle	46	100 00		100 00	100 00			
Interest	45	4,035 44	652 08	3,383 36	4,300 00			917 52
Legal Counsel	46	1,124 50		1,124 50		1,124 50		
Liquor Law	46	572 75		572 75	909 00			336 25
Memorial Day	46	200 00		200 00	200 00			
Miscellaneous	46	1,593 30		1,593 30	1,625 67			33 37
Military Aid	51	240 00		240 00	250 00			10 00
Moth Work	51	5,973 58	1,264 28	4,709 30	2,859 28		1,850 02	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	51	465 59	288 67	176 92				
Night Police	51	3,804 75		3,804 75	3,300 00	504 75		
Police Register	52	540 00		540 00	1,000 00			460 00
Printing	52	360 10		360 10	350 00		10 10	
Public Libraries	52	2,000 00		2,000 00	2,000 00			
Removing Snow	52	467 70		467 70	500 00			32 30

Strait's Pond	53	277 09		277 09	100 00		177 09	
State Tax	53	11,031 17		11,031 17	11,039 17			
Special Police	53	503 65		503 65	100 00		403 65	
Street Watering	54	4,488 82	110 67	4,378 15	3,000 00		1,378 15	
Support of Schools	53	20,923 62		20,923 62	20,923 62			
Street Lights	54	6,585 00		6,585 00	6,465 00			120 00
Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief	54	576 50		576 50	550 00		26 50	
State Aid	54	444 00		444 00	444 00			
Tree Warden	59	532 90		532 90	400 00		132 90	
Town Hall	56	1,230 27	316 00	914 27	900 00		14 27	
Town History	56	1,000 00		1,000 00	1,000 00			
Town Officers	57	3,674 00		3,674 00	3,900 00			226 00
Water for Hydrants	59	3,525 00		3,525 00	3,550 00			25 00
Widening Cove Bridge	59	478 00		478 00				
Woodside Cemetery	59	64 50		64 50				
Totals		$163,879 16	$3,574 53	$160,304 63	$92,998 53	$4,094 66	$7,503 27	$2,751 39

PHILANDER BATES,
JOSEPH S. BIGELOW,
HERBERT L. BROWN,
Selectmen of Cohasset.

COHASSET, December 31, 1908.

REPORT OF

THE TOWN TREASURER.

TREASURERS REPORT.

Dr. 1908 TOWN OF COHASSET, in Account with Newcomb B. Tower, Treasurer and Collector.

To paid Cohasset Savings Bank, 1 Osgood Schoolhouse note		$1,375 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, 2 $4,000 time notes		8,000 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, 2 $5,000 demand notes		10,000 00
Cohasset Savings Bank, 1 note for hired money, 1908		5,000 00
Hingham National Bank, 1 demand note		7,500 00
Webster & Atlas National Bank, 3 notes for hired money, 1908		25,000 00
Commonwealth, State tax		10,725 00
Commonwealth, Metropolitan Park tax		192 12
Commonwealth, State Highway tax		114 05
County of Norfolk, County tax		4,822 09
School appropriations—		
General	$17,350 00	
Conveyance	3,100 00	
Inc. Ripley fund	40 40	
Dog money, 1908	433 22	
		20,923 62
Appropriation for Town Libraries		2,000 00
Interest on Town notes		4,166 70
State, Military and Town Aid, Fire Department, highways, moth work, removing snow, telephone service, water for streets, electric lights, Town officers,		

insurance, abatements, and all other payments as shown in the reports of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor		64,060 58
		$163,879 16
Balance—		
Unpaid taxes prior to 1908	$3,078 56	
Unpaid taxes of 1908, exclusive of the December assessment . . .	10,785 66	
Unpaid taxes, Dec., 1908, assessment . . .	8,628 68	
		22,492 90
Cash on hand and deposit . . .		1,628 89
		$188,000 95

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By balance in Treasury from former account	$15,782 66
Commonwealth, additional Corporation tax for 1907	1,945 22
Commonwealth, additional National bank tax for 1907	884 43
Commonwealth, on account suppression of brown-tail and gypsy moths for 1907	226 02
Commonwealth, on account suppression of brown-tail and gypsy moths for 1908	1,011 26
City of Brockton, assistance rendered on Poor account	4 40
Town of Deerfield, assistance rendered on Poor account	96 00
Town of Hingham, assistance rendered on Poor account	129 46
Town of Rockland, assistance rendered on Poor account	66 00

By	Town of Scituate, assistance rendered on Poor account	6 00
	Unclaimed money order of the Selectmen, 1907	4 00
	Sundry persons, moth work on private estates by Tree Warden prior to May 1, 1908	307 15
	O. W. Thum Co., reimbursement for bill paid twice	27 00
	County of Norfolk, reimbursement of County's portion of cost of widening at junction of Elm, Summer and Border streets	1,513 00
	Sundry town officers, reimbursement for telephone service as paid by the town	288 67
	Joseph E. Grassie, auctioneer's license fee	2 00
	August Petersen, auctioneer's license fee	2 00
	Ephraim Snow, Jr., auctioneer's license fee	2 00
	Thomas W. Whitcomb, slaughtering license fee	1 00
	Charles Wilson, slaughtering license fee	1 00
	Abated tax, collected	5 50
	Income from Woodside Cemetery for lots sold, &c.	266 85
	Treasurer of School Committee, indemnity money collected	50
	Joseph E. Grassie, moth work Supt., for use of tools loaned	5 00
	Cohasset Water Co., rebate on bill paid	16 15
	Ladies' Charitable Society, rent of small lower room, town hall	24 00
	James E. Cooper, reimbursement in full for expense attending the last sickness of Mrs. Roxanna Creed and Miss Georgianna Creed, including board and nursing at Cohasset Home	490 10

By	County of Norfolk, reimbursement of amount paid for killing dogs . .	$17 25
	Albert S. Bigelow, on account oil for streets, 1907 & 1908 . . .	110 67
	J. J. Sullivan, on account of board of Mrs. Elizabeth Hammond at Cohasset Home, 1908	120 00
	Alfred Beal, rent of room for Nantasket Post Office	100 00
	William H. Brown, amount paid him per order, but unused	100 00
	Philander Bates, guardian, on account Julia A. Glynn	37 00
	East Norfolk District Court, fines, fees, etc.	2 68
	Harry E. Mapes, Chief C. F. D., collection secured from ringer in of false fire alarm	40 00
	Marianna Grassie, reimbursement in part for aid rendered	14 28
	Cohasset Savings Bank, for hired money	19,000 00
	Webster and Atlas National Bank, for hired money (net proceeds of four notes, discounted)	36,163 08
	Cohasset Home account, pension checks of David Lyons	144 00
	Commonwealth, Corporation tax for 1908	9,011 44
	Commonwealth, National Bank tax, 1908	1,463 17
	Commonwealth, Military aid . . .	122 50
	Commonwealth, State aid . . .	380 00
	William T. Tilden, janitor, income of Town Hall	316 00
	Philander Bates, trustee, income of Lothrop fund	149 48

By	Cohasset Savings Bank, income of Ripley fund	$40 40
	County of Norfolk, dog licenses for 1908	433 22
	Unexpended balance of school appropriations	1,044 08
	Interest on bank deposits	86 48
	Interest on taxes collected	565 60
	Almshouse account, sales of produce	290 86
	Assessors' tax list, committed July 17, 1908	85,985 87
	Assessors' supplementary tax list	96 60
	Assessors' tax list, December assessment	9,058 92
		$188,000 95

NEWCOMB B. TOWER,

Treasurer and Collector.

Cohasset, January 21, 1909.

REPORT OF

THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The School Committee presents to the Town a report for the year of 1908, with a financial statement and an estimate of the amount which will be required for the support of schools and for conveyance of pupils for the year of 1909.

We further present the Annual Report of the Superintendent of Schools, including reports made to him by the Supervisors of Music, Drawing and Manual Training.

Changes have been made in the teaching force at the Osgood School, as follows:

(1) Miss Caroline B. Singleton, teacher of English and History in the High School, resigned to accept a position in the University of Arizona, and her place was filled by the election of Miss Helen L. Colby, of Boston, a graduate of Smith '05. Miss Colby has taught three years at New Britain, Conn.

(2) Miss Sara Davis resigned as teacher of Grade VIII, and Miss Martha P. Bates was elected to fill the vacancy.

(3) Miss Ida M. Somes resigned as teacher of Grade VI, and Miss Mabelle J. Macgregor, a graduate of Boston University, was chosen in her place. Miss Macgregor has taught for two years at East-Hampton, Mass.

(4) Miss H. Wilma Bishop of Sudbury, Mass., was elected to teach in Grade V. Miss Bishop is a graduate of Framingham Normal School '03, and has taught five years in R. I.

(5) Miss Dorothy L. Mosher resigned as teacher of Grade IV, and Miss Lillie B. Allen, a graduate of Bridgewater Normal School, class of '07, was elected. She taught last year at Dartmouth, Mass.

(6) Miss Carrie G. Dodge resigned in November, as teacher of Grade IX, and Miss Macgregor was transferred to this grade. Her position in Grade VI was filled by the election of Miss Eleanor W. Erickson, Salem Normal School '07.

During the year two vacancies have occurred on our board. Mr. Samuel Stoddard resigned early in the year on account of removal to Lewiston, Me., and late in the year Mrs. Elizabeth O. Davenport resigned because of change of residence to San Bernardino, California.

Rev. James S. Clark and Miss Edith M. Bates were chosen to fill the vacancies.

Mr. Stoddard's work on tne Committee has been faithful and helpful.

In the case of Mrs. Davenport it seems fitting that especial mention be made of her long service on the Committee, as its chairman and as a member of the Sub-Committe on teachers. Her rare ability and practical knowledge of school needs made her membership most valuable to the committee and to the schools. Her resignation is sincerely regretted.

For a number of years the Col. Thomas Lothrop Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution has annually presented to our schools a picture of merit, suitably framed. The picture presented in 1908 is hung in the Beechwood School.

The Stamp Savings Bank has been continued during the year, Miss Bessie L. Tower kindly assuming charge of the work. She reports over $400 paid in by the scholars, mostly in the lower grades, and further that quite a number of Savings Bank accounts have been opened with the proceeds of small sums saved by the stamp savings plan.

We heartily commend this plan of teaching thrift and the value of small savings.

The heating of the Osgood School presents quite a problem. As the building has been enlarged, new furnaces have been required, until now there are eleven to be cared for, exclusive of the two cremating furnaces. Many of the furnaces are now old and near the limit of usefulness, while the fuel consumption is large.

It seems to your committee that a steam heating plant, with boiler housed outside the building, would be economical from the standpoint of fuel required, would largely do away with the danger of fire and give room in the basement which could be used to advantage for pressing school needs.

The sanitary arrangements will also require attention in the near future.

Our estimate of the amount which will be required to meet the expenses for the current year is as follows:

For Superintendent	$750 00	
Teachers	11,300 00	
Janitors	900 00	
Fuel	1,400 00	
Repairs and supplies	1,500 00	
Books, etc.	1,000 00	
Medical Inspection	200 00	
Miscellaneous	500 00	
		$17,550 00
For conveyance of scholars		3,100 00

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES W. GAMMONS, *Chairman*,
MARTHA P. HOWE, *Secretary*,
EDITH M. BATES,
CALEB LOTHROP,
CORNELIUS O'KEEFE,
JAMES S. CLARK.*

* Resigned January 18, 1909.

COHASSET SCHOOL COMMITTEE—FINANCIAL REPORT.

1908. Paid.

Nelson G. Howard, Superintendent		$750 00

TEACHERS.

Osgood School, High:		
Stanley C. Lary, Principal	$1,800 00	
Miss Caroline B. Singleton, Assistant	360 00	
Miss Helen L. Colby, Assistant	195 00	
Miss Minnie E. Bigelow, Assistant	800 00	
Miss Bertha Bray, Assistant	640 00	
Miss Mary S. Nye, Assistant	700 00	
		$4,495 00

GRAMMAR GRADES.

9th grade, Miss Carrie G. Dodge	$510 00
9th grade, Miss Mabelle I. Macgregor	75 00
8th grade, Sara Davis	351 00
8th grade, Mr. Henry E. Loring	6 00
8th grade, Miss Helen Pratt	3 00
8th grade, Miss Martha P. Bates	200 00
7th grade, Miss Ida M. Butler	600 00
6th grade, Miss Ida M. Somes	288 00

6th grade, Miss Mabelle I. Macgregor	$125 00	
6th grade, Miss Annie Fox	20 00	
6th grade, Miss Eleanor W. Erickson	50 00	
5th grade, Miss Annie A. Souther	288 00	
5th grade, Miss H. Wilma Bishop	200 00	
		$2,716 00

Primary Grades.

4th grade, Miss Dorothy L. Mosher	$283 20	
4th grade, Miss Grace Farrington	4 80	
4th grade, Miss Lillie B. Allen	200 00	
3rd grade, Miss Esther E. Barnard	19 20	
3rd grade, Miss Annie Fox	100 80	
3rd grade, Miss Bessie A. Morse	368 00	
2nd grade, Miss Rachel Harrison	483 20	
2nd grade, Miss Emily L. Fairbanks	4 80	
1st grade, Miss Sara E. Fox	540 00	
		$2,004 00
Beechwood School:		
Miss Eva S. Bassick		$488 00
Unassigned.		
Miss Myra L. Beal	$348 00	
Miss Annie A. Souther	120 00	
		$468 00

Supervisor of Music.		
Edmund F. Sawyer . .	$300 00	
Supervisor of Drawing.		
Miss Mary E. Herbert .	320 00	
Manual Training.		
Miss Annie B. Whidden .	200 00	
		$820 00
		$10,991 00

JANITORS.

Osgood School.		
Lot W. Bates . . .	$375 00	
George W. Crocker . .	350 00	
John Ferreira . . .	180 00	
		$905 00
Beechwood School:		
A. Bradford Litchfield . .		100 00
		$1,005 00

FUEL.

Osgood School:		
Tower Bros. & Co. . .	$177 90	
Lincoln Bros. . . .	168 91	
Lincoln Bros. Co. . .	1,124 91	
Elmer E. Bates. . . .	56 00	
		$1,527 72
Beechwood School:		
Lincoln Bros. . . .	$129 64	
Lincoln Bros. Co. . .	50 34	
Charles H. Hackett . .	18 75	
		198 73
		$1,726 45

Repairs and Supplies.

Osgood School:

Cohasset Electric Light Company, lights	$12 00
Cousins & Pratt, flag	5 00
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber, varnish, etc.	51 40
The A. T. Stearns Lumber Co., brackets	3 20
Harry W. Lincoln, setting glass	6 30
Harry R. Pratt, repairing electric bells	38 90
Thaxter & Brother, thermometers	4 50
Edgar J. Pratt, repairing ventilating and heating system	142 10
William W. Bates, labor	2 00
Samuel Ward Co., shears	75
Chas. E. MacKenzie, hanging grating, etc.	9 50
Norris Bros. & Co., dusters, etc.	10 79
John T. Barnes, labor	1 00
Chandler & Barber, hardware	2 59
Estate of Allen C. Bates, repairing heaters, etc.	85 73
Willard J. Coombs, painting	91 57
John L. Sullivan, mason work	7 35
J. B. Hunter & Co., bolts, locks, etc.	25 15
Masury, Young & Co., disinfecto	12 50

Edward E. Babb & Co., rattan couch, chairs, etc.	$32 00	
Sara E. Fox, drinking cups	2 05	
American Seating Co., chairs	63 00	
Ames Plow Co., steel barrow	8 25	
Hopkinson & Holden, floor brushes, truck, etc.	8 75	
Frank W. Browne	11 14	
Pettingell-Andrews Co., salamoniac, etc.	4 26	
Fuller & Warren Co., damper chains, etc.	14 07	
Robert F. Leighton, repairiug electric wiring	6 00	
W. H. H. Hancock, repairing clocks	5 00	
Carter, Carter & Meigs Co., formaldehyde	7 18	
	$674 03	
Cr. Allen Clark, repairing window	50	
		$673 53
Beechwood School:		
Edgar J. Pratt, repairing, heating and ventilating system	$4 50	
John W. Bates, cleaning, repairs, etc.	16 50	
Edwin Bates	3 50	
Frank Sargent, painting, etc.	15 60	
Cousens & Pratt, flag	5 00	
W. H. H. Hancock, repairing clock	1 00	
		$46 10
		$719 63

MANUAL TRAINING SUPPLIES.

Tower Bros & Co., lumber, etc.	$18 23	
Franklin Stoddard, sharpening saws	3 00	
Chandler & Barber, sharpening tools	3 48	
		$24 71

MISCELLANEOUS.

Frederick Hinchliffe, M. D., medical services	$1 50	
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone service	19 85	
William H. Fowler, framing pictures	8 65	
Town of Hull, tuition in 1907	12 00	
N. Y. & Boston Despatch Co., expressing	29 05	
Oliver H. Howe, M. D., school physician	100 00	
Hingham Journal Co., printing	12 50	
Chandler & Barber	1 96	
Harry F. Tilden, fares, etc	3 50	
Stanley C. Lary, telephone, postage, etc.	19 90	
Wright & Ditson, baseballs and basket balls	15 40	
The Boundbrook Press, printing	12 50	
Bessie L. Tower, pianist	10 00	
William T. Tilden, labor on stage	3 50	
Petersen Bros., use of plants	5 00	
John Clark, bouquets	13 00	
Litchfield's Express, expressing in 1907	1 50	
J. L. Martin, engraving diplomas	10 00	

Nelson G. Howard, use of telephone, postage, etc.	$16 83	
Cohasset Cottager, advertising for coal bids	2 00	
Henry A. Carr, covering books	1 65	
Fannie E. James, taking school census	25 00	
Marshall Livingston Perrin, graduation address	25 00	
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., freight	7 20	
John J. Grassie, truant officer	20 00	
Elmer E. Bates, truant officer	20 00	
Charles E. Nott, freight and carting	2 25	
Albert M. Kimball, setting alarm system	19 78	
Oliver H. Howe, medical instruments	4 45	
M. Jennie Merriam, ribbons, etc.	16 22	
Mrs. George L. Davenport, chairman	25 00	
Charles W. Gammons, secretary	25 00	
Caleb Lothrop, treasurer	25 00	
		$515 19

BOOKS AND STATIONEY.

Edward E. Babb & Co.	$328 23	
American Book Co.	214 81	
Milton Bradley Co.	8 84	
Ginn & Co.	11 75	
Wadsworth, Howland & Co.	1 20	
Samuel Ward Co.	42 89	
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co.	89	
De Wolf & Fisk Co.	6 00	
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins	14 62	

Arthur W. Hall Scientific Co.	37 71	
Hingham Journal Co.	8 00	
D. C. Heath & Co.	35 47	
Park Publishing Co.	11 25	
D. Appleton & Co.	18 00	
Longmans, Greene & Co.	1 40	
Remington Typewriter Co.	75 00	
Silver, Burdette & Co.	40 00	
		$856 06

CONVEYING.

Harry F. Tilden, King street and North Main street	$560 00	
Harry F. Tilden, Sohier street and North Main street	154 00	
Harry F. Tilden, South Main street	105 00	
Harry F. Tilden, Parker avenue	112 00	
Elmer E. Bates, Beechwood street	1,200 00	
Franklin Beal, North Cohasset and Jerusalem road	1,116 00	
New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R., tickets	44 00	
		$3,291 00

RECAPITULATION.

Paid:		
Superintendent	750 00	
Teachers	10,991 00	
Janitors	1,005 00	
Manuel Training supplies	24 71	
Fuel	1,726 45	
Repairs and supplies	719 63	
Miscellaneous	515 19	
Books and stationery	856 06	
Conveying	3,291 00	
Town Treasurer	50	
Unexpended	1,044 08	
		$20,923 62

Amount appropriated for schools	$17,350 00	
Amount appropriated for conveying	3,100 00	
Amount of Dog Licenses	433 22	
Interest on Ripley School Fund	40 40	
		$20,923 62

CALEB LOTHROP,
Financial Secretary.

SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

To the School Committee:

I have the honor to present for your consideration my eleventh annual report. It is the twenty-first in the series of annual reports of the superintendent of schools of the town.

At the regular meetings of the Committee, held on the first Monday evening of every month, I have submitted reports giving in detail the record of the work of the schools. I repeat here such portions of these reports as seem most important in order that the facts may be more readily accessible for record and comparison. The extracts from the monthly reports, with the required statistics for the year, and such recommendations as the best interests of the schools seem to demand, form the basis of this report.

Attendance.

There were enrolled in all the schools 460 pupils. Of that number 69 were in the High School, 364 in the Osgood School, and 27 in the Beechwood Primary School. These figures are approximately the same as those recorded for the previous year. The percentage of attendance was 91.4, a decrease of 1.4 from that of last year. The lower percentage is due to the prevalence of children's diseases during the early part of the year.

The following table shows the membership for the past ten years:

High School	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908
Membership.	66	69	78	63	76	88	74	63	60	64
Grade										
Membership.	325	333	333	340	325	338	358	372	369	357
Total										
Membership.	401	402	411	403	401	426	432	435	429	421

This table shows that since the addition of the ninth grade in 1904 the membership has been higher than it was during any of the preceding years. Next September the High School will have over 100 pupils, and, provided the usual number of children enter the first grade, the total membership will be more than 450. This number will be 50 larger than the membership of any year prior to 1904. It is evident that the addition of a ninth grade has had a tendency to keep pupils in school.

Teachers.

The services of fifteen regular teachers and three supervisors are required in the schools. The teachers in the High School and the Ninth Grade are all college graduates with several years experience in teaching. The other teachers, with two exceptions, are graduates of normal schools. The supervisor of music is a college graduate with special training in music, the supervisor of drawing is a graduate of the Massachusetts Normal Art School, and the supervisor of manual training was graduated from the normal department of Larson's Manual Training School. Several of our teachers have taken courses at the summer schools at Harvard University and Hyannis Normal School. All are thoroughly prepared for their important duties in the schools.

For several years we have insisted that candidates for appointment to positions in the High School must have been graduated from college, and those seeking appointment in the grades must have been graduated from normal schools. At least a successful experience of a year in teaching is required of all. We have set up a high standard that we must maintain. The school is what the teacher makes it. By guarding most carefully the entrance into our corps of teachers we insure advancement in every line of our school work. In recent years the services of our teachers have been sought by larger towns and cities where higher salaries

are paid. Some of our ablest and most progressive teachers have left us to accept positions elsewhere, and they have been worth the higher salaries they have received. They were worth as much to us. It is a sound business principle to retain employes who have shown themselves valuable through efficient service. There is no good reason why schools should not be conducted on business principles. The action of your committee during the year in increasing the salaries of certain teachers was a step in the right direction. Increase of salary should be made for merit and not for length of service. The schools cost a large amount of money, but in no other expenditure of the town do the taxpayers participate so fully.

During the summer vacation five teachers resigned to accept other positions or to retire from teaching. The vacancies were filled by the return of Miss Martha P. Bates and by the appointment of four new teachers. In November the ninth grade teacher resigned, and the sixth grade teacher who came to us in September was transferred to the highest grade, and another new teacher was appointed to the sixth grade position.

The High School.

There are now 69 pupils in the High School, representing three classes. In September, 1904, the grade course was extended one year by the addition of a ninth grade. The graduates from grade eight were allowed to choose between the ninth grade and the freshman class of the High School. Six entered the ninth grade, and of that number five were graduated in June, 1905, and entered the High School the following September. One of these pupils advanced a class and was graduated with the class of 1908, one entered a preparatory school elsewhere, one entered the class of 1910, and two left school to go to work. This accounts for the fact that there is no class to graduate from the High School next June.

The standard of work has been raised until we are able to prepare pupils for college and technical schools in the regular course of four years. Formerly our graduates were obliged to take one or more years of post-graduate work before taking their final college entrance examinations. Our graduates are now represented at Harvard, Dartmouth, Boston University, Radcliffe, Colby, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. A considerable number of the pupils are preparing for higher institutions.

While the college requirements have been met fully, the interest of the non-college students, who must necessarily be in the majority in every school, have been considered most carefully. The English and Commercial courses have been improved and strengthened. Additional equipment including a new typewriter has been provided. Our commercial department graduates have a decided advantage over those graduated from the business college in that they have a full high school course in addition to their technical training. All our graduates find employment at good wages, and they invariably hold their positions and advance rapidly. This department has been of great benefit to the young people of the town, as it enables them to earn a living immediately after completing the course. They can live at home and become valuable members of the community.

The Grades.

The grade schools are in a very satisfactory condition. They are well organized and well taught. By combining the kindergarten with the first grade more work is accomplished in one year than was possible in two years when separate schools were maintained. The success is due in a very large measure to the energy and adaptability of the teacher. A few kindergarten features have been extended to the second grade with excellent results. The work in elementary manual training and drawing has been of a high order. The pupils of the Beechwood School have excelled

in this department. The nine rooms in the Osgood School occupied by the nine grades furnish good accommodations, and it is possible to make divisions in grades in order to facilitate the teaching of pupils of different degrees of ability.

The Beechwood School has three grades and a membership of twenty-four pupils. The small number in each of these grades allows time for considerable individual instruction Good discipline has been maintained throughout the grades, and promotions have been more general than ever before.

Manual Training.

Manual Training became a part of our regular school course September, 1907, and since that time has grown in favor with the pupils and teachers. The work in the lower grades is conducted by the regular teachers under the direction of the supervisor of drawing. This arrangement applies to the sewing in the higher grades. The boys of the seventh, eighth, and ninth grades are instructed in woodworking by the supervisor of manual training. The room in the basement of the Osgood school provided for the classes that take bench work has been quite satisfactory, but a larger and better lighted room is needed for the coming year, and such a room can be made available whenever the furnace arrangements in the basement are changed. At present there is room for only fourteen benches, while it is economy of time to teach at least twenty pupils in a class.

The pupils are very earnest in their work and gain excellent results as is shown by the articles they make. Training of the hand has helped in training the mind. Attention and power to sustain continued effort in one direction have resulted, and particularly in the case of the slow pupil, these two factors have brought about marked changes. The introduction of this department has been fully justified by the results obtained during the past year.

Medical Inspection.

In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 502, Acts of 1906, medical inspection has been maintained throughout the year in all the schools. The school physician has examined the children, and all pupils who have shown signs of defects or disease have been reported to their parents with advice for treatment under the direction of the family physician. The school physician is not authorized to treat pupils. He makes the examination and diagnosis, and it is for the parents to carry out his suggestions. By calling the attention of parents to defects and diseases that had escaped their notice, the children have received treatment from their family physicians, and the general health of the pupils has improved. The eye and ear tests have been made by the teachers as required by law. An emergency outfit selected by the school physician has been provided in order that first aid may be given by the teachers in cases of accidents.

Fire Drill.

A thoroughly organized system of fire drill is demanded in every school building of two or more rooms. The 432 pupils of the Osgood School are sent out of the building in perfect order in less than a minute and a half. The formation for the drill is the same as that employed each day in the regular filing. Each teacher is responsible for her grade or class, and at the sound of the fire gong directs the rapid formation and filing. An electric system has been installed so that the alarm can be sounded from the basement, the lower corridor or the master's office. Fire extinguishers are placed at the most accessible points throughout the building. The no-school signal box recently located in the building and connected with the town fire alarm system, may be used to call the fire department. Ample provision has been taken for the protection of all the children.

Play and Playgrounds.

We all admit that play in the open air is necessary to the health and physical development of the child, and it is our duty to make ample provision for play in connection with the work of the schools.

The out-door recess is as valuable as the recitation, if it is conducted in the right way. Organized play will work wonders in solving matters of discipline. The playground in the rear of the Osgood School is of ample size, but the surface is very irregular. Games that require a broad, level field cannot be played to advantage there, but good substitutes are readily found. Over a year ago two basket-ball outfits were furnished, and a great amount of healthful exercise and enjoyment has resulted. Field hockey is a game well suited to the girls. There are many games for the boys. A small outlay for apparatus will make the playground one of our strongest forces for promoting health and discipline. We have no suitable playroom for the pupils to use in cold and stormy weather. The furnaces, coal bins and sanitary arrangements take up nearly all the space in the basement, and the room not so used is unfit for the children to occupy. By removing the heating apparatus and sanitaries to a building outside the present school building the whole basement would be made available for play rooms and work rooms.

When changes are made I trust you will consider the advantages of utilizing the basement room for the purposes indicated above.

SCHOOLS, TEACHERS AND SALARIES.

Schools.	*Teachers.*	*Salaries.*
High School:	Stanley C. Lary, Principal	$1,800 00
	Mary E. Nye	700 00
	Minnie E. Bigelow	800 00
	Bertha Bray	700 00
	Helen L. Colby	600 00
Osgood School:		
Grade IX	Mabelle J. MacGregor	600 00
VIII	Martha P. Bates	500 00
VII	Ida M. Butler	600 00
VI	Eleanor W. Erickson	500 00
V	H. Wilma Bishop	500 00
IV	Lillie B. Allen	500 00
III	Bessie A. Morse	500 00
II	Rachel Harrison	500 00
I	Sara E. Fox	600 00
Beachwood Primary:		
Grades I, II and III,	Eva S. Bassick	500 00
Supervisor of Music—		
	Edmund F. Sawyer	300 00
Supervisor of Drawing—		
	Mary E. Herbert	300 00
Supervisor of Manual Training—		
	Annie B. Whidden	200 00
Unassigned Assistants—		
	Myra L. Beal	300 00
	Annie A. Souther	300 00
	Lott W. Bates	300 00

Abstract of Statistics.

Population of Cohasset, census of 1905	2,727
Number of teachers in the schools	15
Number of supervisors	3
Number of school buildings in use	2
Number of rooms occupied	15

School Census, September 1, 1908.

Number of boys between 5 and 15 years of age	233
Number of girls between 5 and 15 years of age	224
Number of boys between 7 and 14 years of age	177
Number of girls between 7 and 14 years of age	161

Enrollment and Attendance for the Year Ending June 19, 1908.

Number of pupils enrolled in all the schools	460
Boys in school between 5 and 15 years of age	218
Girls in school between 5 and 15 years of age	183
Boys in school between 7 and 14 years of age	188
Girls in school between 7 and 14 years of age	147
Boys in school over 15 years of age	23
Girls in school over 15 years of age	36
Average membership of all the schools	421
Average attendance of all the schools	385
Percentage of attendance	91.4

Enrollment for the Fall Term, 1909.

High School:	
Senior Class	0
Junior Class	14
Sophomore Class	23
Freshman Class	31
Post Graduate	1
Total	69
Osgood School:	
Grade I	47
Grade II	39
Grade III	36
Grade IV	51
Grade V	49

Grade VI	44
Grade VII	34
Grade VIII	29
Grade IX	34
Total	363
Beechwood Primary:	
Grade I	8
Grade II	7
Grade III	9
Total	24
Enrollment in all of the Schools	456

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 19, 1908.

SCHOOLS.	Enrollment.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Attendance.	Tardiness	Truancy.
High	69	64	59	92	51	0
Osgood:						
Grade IX	36	32	30	94	31	0
Grade VIII	35	32	30	94	27	0
Grade VII	36	33	30	91	19	2
Grade VI	41	38	34	90	24	2
Grade V	42	37	34	92	16	4
Grade IV	49	45	41	92	20	0
Grade III	40	38	36	95	11	0
Grade II	41	38	34	90	21	0
Grade I	44	39	34	87	28	0
Beechwood:						
Grades I, II, III	27	25	23	92	14	0
Totals	460	421	385	91.4	262	8

Graduates from the High School, June 19, 1908.

Sarah Ellen Antoine, Lydia Animia Bowser, Kathleen McMahon, Carl Alley Bates, Alice Cunningham, Dorothy Billings Thayer, Jennie Maria Bates, Everett Warren Gammons, Gladys Martha Wood.

Post-Graduates.

Ella Louise Bates, Clement Carrol Mulcahy, Ralph Dudley Bates, Gertrude Tower Nichols, Laura Baker Kimball.

Graduates from Grade IX, June 18, 1908.

Lott Elmer Bates, Mary E. Bethel, Earle F. Burgess, Mary Burke, Jackson J. Ferreira, William Fitch, Herbert J. Grassie, Elsie E. Higgins, Hester S. James, Edith Kimball, Moses P. Marsh, Beatrice M. Martin, Bertha L. Martin, Clara L. Nott, Irene Oliver, Edith R. Pratt, David F. Richards, George W. Salvador, Eva Steel, Emil Sheidecker, Ester Stevens, Fred A. Thayer, Ruby N. Wheelwright, Dorothy Whall.

Conclusion.

It is my privilege in closing this report to express my appreciation of the cordial sympathy and support accorded me by the Committee, and the ready co-operation of the teachers and supervisors in all measures tending to promote the interests of the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

NELSON G. HOWARD,

Superintendent of Schools.

Cohasset, December 31, 1908.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DRAWING.

To the Superintendent of Schools:

During the school year of 1908, the course in drawing has been carried out with a very pleasing show of effort on the part of all. Every teacher has been faithful in carrying out suggestions, and the pupils seem to have shown a better understanding of principles and methods of work than before.

We have been using the pencil in grades above the third a greater part of the time, as it is the medium most used outside of school limits and is the most convenient instrument for expression. Much stress has been laid on "speaking the truth with the pencil."

Other mediums—brush and ink or water color—have been used when profitable.

Many lessons of correlation have been given, such as the globe with map drawing for geography and cutting of plane figures and ruling for the arithmetic; the illustration of some historical event, as the landing of Columbus, for history; flower and tree drawing, for nature study; picture study for observation and expression, etc.

The manual work has been carried on in every grade by paper folding and cutting—making of furniture and toys, as carts, boats, sleds etc.,—boxes of all kinds, candle shades, calendars and booklets, also the construction of type solids from paper, and the drawings of the same with views and development, suiting the method and the amount of work to the grade.

Raffia work is done in the primary grades, winding and weaving in the first, weaving and braiding in the second, and braiding and sewing in the third.

Burlap weaving is put into the fourth and fifth grades, borders being woven at first, and then bags made with a

seam, hem and braided handle. As yet the sixth grade have only done the paper construction as it has not seemed best to put any extra work there.

The sewing in grades seven to nine is progressing with much interest, even in the making of button-holes, darns and patches.

There are several cases noticed where dull children do excellent work in drawing, making us realize how much the interest in general work is aided by a special study in which the child is proficient.

The high school classes are taking up fewer lines of work but giving more time to each, as designing, printing, mechanical problems—geometrical and projective, some light and shade, etc.

There is a perceptible increase in the pride shown by the pupils in their work and it seems that the majority do the best that lies within them.

We constantly endeavor to make the mind and hand work in unison, to create an effort for intelligent drawing and a visible result of the reason.

I have enjoyed the work in Cohasset because of the support of all co-workers, and trust that nothing will prevent our further advancement.

MARY E. HERBERT,
Supervisor of Drawing.

Cohasset, Dec. 31, 1908.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

Mr. Nelson G. Howard, Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir,—I am glad to be able to report continued progress during the past year.

It is now pretty generally believed by educators that the

proper study of music trains the intellect, awakens the emotional nature, develops a love for the beautiful, adds to the pleasure of life, and exerts a cultivating and inspiring influence on character.

In order that the parents of the children in our schools may realize that we are following a well considered and definite plan, and not working in an haphazard way, I would like to quote from a report of the Music Teachers' National Association and show what our plan is:

"Briefly stated, the aim is as follows: first, to teach the language of music, its sounds and symbols for reading; second to develop the emotional nature and the aesthetic sense: third, to develop an appreciation for good music.

More specifically, the aim in teaching music in the public schools is to present the subject so that a pupil, on graduation, shall have acquired: (a) First, the ability to sing at sight, with words, a melody of moderate difficulty, or his part in a three or four-part song of that degree of difficulty; second, to sing at sight an eight measure phrase, without words, in any major or minor key, with any time-signature, using all forms of the equally and unequally divided beat, syncopation, and the chromatic tones in ordinary use; (b) First, a knowledge of all fundamental principles of time, note values, measure structure, and signatures; second, the knowledge of two cleffs, of keys and key signatures, and the rotation of chromatic tones; third, the knowledge of common Italian terms of tempo and expression; fourth, the knowledge of scale structure."

The foregoing is practically the plan followed in our schools. The work can not, of course, be done in one year or in two years. The desired results can be secured only by a definite and systematic course of study in which the work of each grade is a continuation of that done in the grade preceding, and a preparation for that of grade following.

Almost without exception, the teachers are co - operating intelligently and faithfully with your supervisor to attain a high standard of excellence.

Respectfully submitted,
EDMUND F. SAWYER,
Supervisor of Music.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MANUAL TRAINING.

To the Superintendent of schools;

In accordance with your request I submit the following brief report of the work of my classes in manual training. These classes have been made up of the boys from Grades VII, VIII and IX. Wood-working has been the basis of the work, and each class had instruction in the elementary principles that must precede all construction from materials. Accurate measurements have been required after the designs have been made, or taken from blue-prints furnished by the teacher, and estimates of the amount of lumber required for the models have called into play each pupil's judgment. Pine and whitewood boards in twelve foot lengths have furnished the greater part of the raw material from which the finished product was to be made. Each pupil has cut his lumber according to his own measurements and estimates, and even the most careless have learned to use their stock to good advantage. Several pupils have furnished their own material to make special models, and it has been very interesting to watch the economy that has been practiced in cutting. Faults cannot escape notice in this work, and all are anxious to secure good workmanship, The usual sloyd models have been reproduced with care and

faithfulness, and we have had some unusually good specimens. The care and use of tools constitutes an important part of the beginner's training. Skill in handling tools comes only with practice, and many pupils are unable to control their muscles at first. The physical exercise at the bench is better than any form of gymnastics, and rapid advancement in accurate motor training follows well-directed bench-work. We have seventeen benches in the manual training room, but the space is sufficient for only fifteen to be used with comfort to the pupils. I have been pleased with the interest and spirit of all whom I have iustructed, and there has been a constant improvement in the work of each class. I have endeavored during the year to place this department on a firm basis. Several of the pupils had had some instruction along this line in a private sloyd school, and their skill is noticeable. At the close of this year we hope to have an exhibition of models that will do credit to the school. It has been the custom to allow the pupils to carry home their products at the close of the year, consequently there is very little left at the school to show what has been made. After this time we shall retain a part of the models to be used for exhibition and comparison.

The hand-work in the lower grades will make it much more easy for us to accomplish good results in the next few years.

We are glad to welcome visitors to the manual training room at any time, and I trust the parents will inspect our work whenever it is convenient for them to do so.

I am very grateful to all who have assisted in making this department a success.

Respectfully submitted,
ANNIE B. WHIDDEN,
Supervisor of Manual Training.

COHASSET, Dec. 31, 1908.

REPORT OF

DIRECTORS OF THE PAUL PRATT MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

REPORT OF DIRECTORS OF THE PAUL PRATT MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

In submitting their report to the town, the directors are pleased to report good progress in advancing the library toward the ideal model institution, and they note with satisfaction an increasing interest in it on the part of the towns people, which chiefly manifests itself in a larger use of its books, not only by the people of Cohasset, but also by the summer residents.

It was stated in our last report that it had been decided to establish a juvenile department in the north reading room. The growing interest of the children made this a pleasant necessity. This large, bright room has been equipped with stacks, tables, table lights, and there have been gathered the children's books and periodicals, making for them a cheerful and comfortable place. To still improve this department with things of beauty and instruction and supply good books will constantly be the aim and pleasure of the directors.

The number of books has so greatly increased that more stack space has become a pressing need. The directors have therefore planned for additional shelving. Within a short time the present capacity of the room will be increased by addition of stacks for more than three thousand volumes.

The death of Mr. Charles A. Welch, a director of our board and a generous friend of the library, was mentioned in our report of last year. His death made a vacancy in the Board of Directors. Mr. George W. Collier, President of the Trustees of the Cohasset Free Public Library, was

elected to fill the vacancy. It is the policy of the directors to take this method of realizing their hope of having one board of library government for the two libraries.

The report of the Librarian will show the actual work and service of the library, and will be of interest as indicating the use made of it by the people and the character of the books read.

The reports of the Librarian and Treasurer are sub-joined.

Respectfully submitted,

DIRECTORS OF PAUL PRATT MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Directors of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library:

The following is a report of the work in the library for the year ending December 31, 1908:

The library has been open every library day in the year, with the exception of five days for stock-taking and four holidays. During the year 17,923 books and magazines were issued, which is an increase of 513 over last year. The increase has been about general in each department.

An inventory has been taken and we find the books in good condition. We find five books and eleven bound magazines missing, none being juveniles, which I am sure, from former experience, will be accounted for.

The large North Room has been furnished for a juvenile department, and everything needful has been done for their accommodation and comfort, which they seem to appreciate. Miss Tower spends a great deal of time in making it attractive and pleasant, and a fine collection of butterflies has been loaned by Miss Margaret Crocker a summer resident.

Gifts of books and magazines have been received from Mr. C. F. Adams, Mr. John H. Albree, Rev. H. K. Bartow, Mrs. J. M. Clark, Mr. George H. Crocker, Mrs. Frederick Higginson, Mr. G. L. Raymond, Mr. C. A. Welch,

Thomas Lothrop Chapter, D. A. R., State and Government. I would mention that the gift of Mr. Welch, a set of Scott's novels, was presented in 1907, but as there was already the same edition on the shelves, it has been put in the juvenile department this year.

REGISTRATION AND CIRCULATION.

Population of Cohasset, 1905 census	2727
Total registration from July, 1903	1629
Registration in force December 31, 1907	1096
" for the year 1908	154
" cancelled 1908	172
" in force December 31, 1908	1078
(Being 39 per cent. of the population.)	
Library open	147 days
Books issued to be taken home	17,923
Average home use per diem	121.9
" " " per inhabitant	6.5
Classification of books used:	
Philosophy and Theology	169
History and Biography	806
Travel and Description	608
Language and Literature	598
Social Sciences	159
Natural Sciences	365
Arts	544
Fiction	12,053
Magazines	2,621
Total	17,923
Accessions:	
Number of volumes in Library December 31, 1907	10,351
Number of volumes added by purchase 504	

Number of volumes added by gift	83	
Number of volumes bound	31	
Number of volumes replaced	49	667
		11,018
Number of books withdrawn 1908		151
Total number of volumes in Library Dec. 31, 1908		10,867

Respectfully submitted,
SARAH B. COLLIER,
Cohasset, Jan. 9, 1909. *Librarian.*

Dr. PAUL PRATT MEMORIAL LIBRARY, in Account with James Longley, Treasurer.

To payments in 1908:

For Librarians' and Janitor's services	$900 00
Books and Magazines	453 91
Binding	79 38
Wood and Coal	128 69
Electric Lighting	284 70
Printing, Stationery and Library Supplies	98 68
Furniture and Repairs	565 79
Freight, Carting and Expressage	33 07
Insurance	237 00
Loan, Balance of amount borrowed in 1903	4,000 00
Investments	3,000 00
Interest accrued on Bonds purchased	22 23

Balance on deposit in the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company	$859 04	
		$10,662 49

Cr.

By receipts in 1908 :		
Balance on deposit Jan. 1. 1908, in Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company . . .	$893 78	
From Estate of Mrs. Isaphene M. Wheelright, Legacy .	$2,000 00	
Income from Investments .	670 00	
Town of Cohasset, appropriation for Library purposes	1,900 00	
Interest from Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Co. .	20 38	
Librarian for fines collected and postals sold in 1908 .	86 53	
Insurance premiums returned	91 80	
Bonds due July 1, 1908 .	5,000 00	
		$10,662 49

January 1, 1909. JAMES LONGLEY,
Treasurer.

We have examined the foregoing account for 1908 and find same correct, disbursements of cash being accounted for by proper vouchers.

OLIVER H. HOWE,
CHARLES W. GAMMONS,
Auditors.

Cohasset, Jan. 16, 1909.

COHASSET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, in account with Oliver H. Howe, Treasurer.

Dr.

To payments in 1908:		
For books	$332 00	
Treasurer's Bond	4 00	
Postage, etc	1 56	
Balance on deposit	148 22	
		$485 78

Cr.

By receipts in 1908:		
Balance on deposit	$1 99	
Interest on town notes	307 20	
" Cohasset Savings Bank	68 70	
" Hingham Institution for Savings	20 20	
" Knowles fund	56 11	
Annual payment, Cheever fund	30 00	
Cash paid for book by individual	1 58	
		$485 78

OLIVER H. HOWE,
Treasurer.

January 1, 1909.

We have examined the foregoing account and find it correct and properly vouched. We have also examined the securities in which the funds of the Library are invested.

GEORGE W. COLLIER,
EDWARD NICHOLS,
Examining Committee.

Cohasset, Jan. 27, 1909.

REPORT OF

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS,

TOGETHER WITH

The Reports of the Tree Warden, Auditor and Fire Engineers.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

To the Board of Selectmen;

GENTLEMEN:—In addition to the repairs of streets the widening at Cove Bridge, commenced last year, has been completed. The amount expended in this improvement was taken from the highway appropriation, including land damage paid in 1907. This amount, $1,035, has been repaid by the county on the acceptance of the work by the County Commissioners, as will be seen in the Treasurer's report, and the above amount added to the appropriation for the current year. The special appropriation for the sidewalk near the Central House was expended in blasting ledge and filling the trench made for the same, and the expense in completing the walk was paid from the highway appropriation. It is a question what can be done to keep our highways in proper condition from the wear of automobiles during the summer months. Putting on screened gravel is very expensive in that a lot of stone are left to be removed. I should like to recommend the purchase of a stone crusher, believing the gravel and stone could be run through the crusher and in that way more suitable material could be obtained. I am only restrained from making this recommendation from the condition of our finances. The expense of such a plant would be some $2,500. The appropriation for highways the last two years have been diminished, first by voting an eight-hour day for laborers and then raising the pay per day. Under these conditions I would recommend an appropriation of $9,000 for the ensuing year.

The following are the amounts paid for crushed stone, gravel, teams and labor on highways and sidewalks, and amounts paid for removing snow from the same:

Appropriation	$9,000 00	
Special appropriation	150 00	
Received from County Treasurer	1,035 00	
		$10,185 00
Amount expended		9,946 81
Balance		$238 19
Paid George F. Sargent	$65 14	
George F. Sargent, 1907	10 00	
Stephen Riley, 1907	157 00	
Stephen Riley	527 75	
Russell B. Murray	398 00	
Fred G. James, 1907	102 50	
Fred G. James	501 88	
Geo. L. Litchfield	9 00	
Andrew H. Prouty	40 63	
George Jason	60 00	
H. H. Harvey	10 40	
Thomas Loney	339 75	
Daniel McSweeny	20 50	
Charles F. Wilbur	29 00	
Clarence S. Brasill	35 63	
John W. Bates	112 26	
Harry W. Burbank	96 37	
Geo. W. Mealy	150 00	
Benjamin F. Morse	514 87	
John H. Wilbur	372 87	
Manuel S. Leonard	142 25	
William W. Bates	80 65	
John T. Barnes	85 00	
Waldo C. Locke	55 32	
J. W. Whitcomb	135 09	

Paid Samuel E. Pratt	$195 40
Thomas A. Stevens	115 88
South Shore Quarry	1,013 20
M. G. Seaverns & Co.	8 09
Lincoln Bros. Co.	57 41
Lane Quarry Co.	884 15
Ira N. Pratt	84 34
Joseph Breck & Sons	4 25
Tower Bros. & Co.	34 21
Arthur A. Davenport	196 25
Estate Allen C. Bates	257 25
Edwin G. Stewart	3 00
John W. Mulcahy	146 25
Elijah F. Lincoln	41 25
Henry L. Stoddard	3 38
Thomas W. Whitcomb	65 00
William O. Souther	111 38
Harry F. Tilden	75 50
William J. McNamara	27 00
Joseph F. Silvia	70 00
Joseph F. Priest	148 06
Andrew E. Taylor	145 94
William St. John	74 25
Patrick Downs	66 38
William T. Barnes	248 75
Charles E. MacKenzie	18 84
H. A. Whitelaw	77 50
C. A. Clafin & Co.	2 58
Alson S. Richardson	170 98
George L. Davenport	1 00
Arthur C. Litchfield	144 58
Benjamin Shaw & Co.	118 95
Norris Bros. & Co.	4 15
Cyrus W. Bates	150 00
Cyrus W. Bates, broken stone	42 50

Paid	James Dalton	$437 88
	Ames Plow Co.	7 70
	Richard N. Hare	3 50
	Cyrus R. Keene	10 00
	Frank M. Nichols	5 76
	New York, New Haven & Hartford R. R.	2 00
	John F. Smith	50 62
	A. F. Peterson	17 50
	John D. Beal	27 50
	Abraham Lincoln	15 00
	Cohasset Water Co.	34 60
	William P. Malley	4 45
	Est. Alden Beal	75 00
	Antoine E. Salvador	11 00
	Edgar W. Bates	141 20
	Charles E. Nott	2 75
	Herbert L. Brown	8 09
	Elmer E. Bates	9 50
	Henry L. Willard, Jr.	1 50
	Frank W. Wheelwright	22 50
	Horace J. Damon	22 88
	Charles H. Hackett	28 25
	Edwin Bates	12 67
	Percy Sargent	5 63
	Theo. Mathies	2 25
	Edwin W. Bates	15 00
	Oliver H. Bates	7 40
	George Ainslaie	3 38
	Charles Pratt	26 63
	Charles Deegan	7 50
	S. Chester Pratt	15 76
	Fred Fuller	23 63
	Robert L. Curtis	2 25
	Melvin Thompson	3 38

Paid George Mitchell	$11 63		
John R. Bean	4 50		
Walter P. Bates	2 25		
Ernest Cole	2 25		
			$9,946 81

REMOVING SNOW.

Paid John T. Barnes, team	$17 75	
John T. Barnes, repair. plow	6 70	
Harry F. Tilden, team	34 00	
Harry L. Willard, team	18 63	
Franklin Beal, team	31 00	
Russell B. Murray, team	19 00	
Samuel E. Pratt, team	31 38	
George Jason, team	42 70	
L. Lincoln Worrick, labor	2 25	
Jesse T. Barnes, labor	2 25	
Willie T. Barnes, labor	2 75	
Harry H. White, labor	4 50	
George H. Barnes, labor	2 25	
Patrick Keefe, labor	2 25	
Benjamin F. Morse, labor	9 00	
John H. Wilbur, labor	6 25	
Harry Henry, labor	2 25	
Thomas Keefe, labor	1 25	
Phillip Sullivan, labor	1 25	
Thomas Curtis, labor	2 25	
C. Fred Wilbur, labor	2 25	
Harold Barnes, labor	1 25	
John Clark, labor	7 50	
Joseph W. Whitcomb, labor	75	
Fred Maitland, labor	50	
Ira Bates, labor	1 00	
Henry L. Stoddard, labor	1 88	
Charles Pratt, labor	63	
John W. Bates, labor	1 38	

Paid	Walter P. Bates, labor	$1 75
	Chesbrooke Stoughton, labor	1 25
	Arthur C. Litchfield, labor	6 00
	Fred Fuller, labor	8 13
	William W. Bates, labor	4 50
	Manuel Trombas, labor	2 00
	John Flemming, labor	2 00
	Antoine Silva, labor	2 00
	Manuel Silva, labor	2 00
	John Silva, labor	2 00
	Fred C. Blossom, labor	2 25
	Joseph Bandura, labor	1 50
	Frank Viera, labor	2 00
	Thomas Grassie, labor	2 00
	John F. Smith, labor	25 00
	Edward Morse, labor	2 87
	Alvin Dyment, labor	68
	John Dyment, labor	68
	Earle Anderson, labor	68
	Pierce Butler, labor	68
	Moses Marsh, labor	50
	Charles W. Hunter, labor	1 88
	Harry C. Bates, labor	1 87
	Arthur A. Davenport, labor	1 25
	Alson S. Richardson, labor	1 50
	William O. Souther, team	16 75
	Daniel DeMello, labor	2 00
	Harry O. Wood, labor	2 00
	Ezekiel L. James, labor	2 00
	Thomas A. Stevens, labor	2 00
	Clarence S. Brasill, labor	1 75
	Ernest Cole, labor	2 00
	Arthur S. Bates, labor	1 75
	Waldo C. Locke, labor	1 00
	Charles Stoddard, labor	1 75

Paid Harry W. Burbank, labor	$1	75
William H. Bates, labor	1	75
Manuel P. Valine, labor	1	25
Joseph A. Antoine, labor	1	25
Charles E. Frates, labor	2	50
Dennis Golding, labor	1	25
John Kennedy, labor	3	75
Richard Caddan, labor	1	50
Daniel Golding, labor	1	25
John L. Jason, labor	7	75
Alfred M. Silva, labor	1	50
Charles Wilson, labor	2	25
George E. Denithorne, labor	2	00
Thomas W. Doyle, labor	1	25
Michael Wholley, labor	1	25
Henry Williams, labor	1	88
Daniel McSweeney, labor	2	00
William Powers, labor	3	00
John J. Grassie, labor	2	25
Albert J. Morris, labor	1	75
Timothy Donovan, labor	2	00
George Morris, labor	1	50
Harry Donovan, labor	1	75
John F. Tower, labor	1	25
Foster Cadose, labor	1	25
Joseph S. Enos, labor		50
John Daley, labor	1	50
Edmund M. Cronican, labor	1	75
George A. Henry, labor	1	00
Charles E. McKensie, snow plow	35	00
Michael McCarthy, labor	2	00
George Salvedor, labor		90
Ignatius Francis, labor		90
Manuel Oliver, labor	1	50

Paid Joseph Oliver, labor	1 75	
Daniel Desmond, labor	2 00	
George Monteiro, labor	1 25	
		$467 70

Respectfully submitted,

PHILANDER BATES,

Supt. of Streets.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Superintendent of Streets, School Committee. Overseers of the Poor and of the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department, for the year 1908, and find as follows:

Receipts.

Amount of unpaid taxes January 21, 1908	$15,588 14
Amount of cash on hand January 21, 1908	194 52
Amount collected on taxes, July assessment	75,296 81
Amount collected on taxes, December assessment	430 24
Amount collected on taxes of previons years	12,529 58
Interest collected on taxes overdue previous to 1908	509 31
Interest collected on taxes overdue of 1908	36 29
Interest received from money on deposit	86 48
Amount hired from bank in anticipation of taxes	55,163 08
Amount received from all other sources	28,166 50
	$188,000 95

PAYMENTS.

721 orders drawn on Treasurer for year ending January 23, 1909	$163,879 16
Balance of uncollected taxes of 1908, July and December assessments	19,414 34
Balance of uncollected taxes for years previous to 1908	3,078 56
Amount on deposit in National Banks	1,245 15
Amount of cash on hand	383 74
	$188,000 95

FRED L. REED,
Auditor.

Cohasset, January 25, 1909.

TREE WARDEN'S REPORT.

January 1, 1908 to March, 1908.

Henry L. McMahon	$32 63	
J. William Edwards	15 00	
Herbert Sargent	6 00	
John Smith	11 50	
J. Louis Bates	13 75	
Harry Donovan	13 75	
Michael Sweeney	8 00	
John Flemming	11 75	
Daniel McSweeney	9 75	
Daniel Petersen	9 75	
Edmund M. Cronican	5 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., rake and oil can	1 15	
		$138 03

H. L. McMAHON,
Tree Warden

MOTH WORK.

January 1, 1908, to May 1, 1908.

Henry L. McMahon	$171 43	
William H. McArthur	76 20	
Herbert Sargent	36 75	
Daniel Petersen	40 50	
John Flemming	69 75	
Daniel McSweeney	53 25	
John Smith	60 50	
Michael Sweeney	58 00	
John Mulcahy	35 88	
Patrick J. Donohue	45 75	
George Barnes	14 00	
J. William Edwards	38 75	
Alson S. Richardson	10 25	
Andrew Taylor	5 00	
Charles L. Jason	23 25	
John Kennedy	28 75	
Daniel J. O'Brien	18 00	
Henry Stoddard	18 00	
C. Fred Wilbur	22 00	
Joseph Breck & Son, handy wagon	55 00	
Otis O. Bishop, sharpening saws	5 75	
Charles E. Nott, carting	3 67	
C. James Pratt, barn rent	12 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., ladders, saws cement	64 82	
Chas. E. McKenzie, repairing wagon	1 25	
		$968 50
H. L. McMahon, credit by cash		107 75
		$860 75

H. L. McMAHON,
Local Supt.

REPORT FOR SUPPRESSING BROWN-TAIL AND GYPSY MOTHS.

My principal efforts during the past year were devoted to caring for the residential parts of the town to prevent damage by insect pests.

Acting under the advice of the State authorities we trimmed and stopped the cavities in the trees of forty orchards.

Early in the Spring the shade trees were attacked by canker worms and elm beetles, and all were sprayed, thus saving the foliage throughout the season; some spraying was done on private estates when requested.

About 20,000 trees were burlapped for the gypsy moth, and damage was generally prevented; in many cases the moths were cleaned out.

Since the caterpillar season we have examined the entire residential section of the town. The principal damage is in the old fruit trees, and there are about one hundred orchards which must be cleaned up to prevent serious results.

Wooded roadsides were found to be badly infested, and it became necessary to cut the underbrush. This has been done on Forest avenue and Cedar street. It is also needed on some parts of Atlantic avenue and King street.

The wood lands have been partially examined and found to be in bad condition; sufficient money is not at present available for this work but unless something is done there will be much damage by the gypsy moth next summer.

A good portion of the summer flight of brown-tail moths settled here and the town is considerably infested, especially along the shore. The webs must be removed to prevent serious discomfort during the next summer, and we have already removed about ten thousand nests where one-half the area was finished. Much more expense has been necessary than in former years on account of the spreading of the gypsy and brown-tail moth, and the attack of the elm beetle;

the condition of our street trees during the summer has shown the value of this work, as proved by the comments of the traveling public.

A portion of this expense has been reimbursed to the town by the Commonwealth under the Gypsy Moth act.

If the property owners would care for their own places, it would prove less expensive for the town.

Some of the owners have declared their intention to assist, by trimming their orchards and cleaning the under brush from infested woodlands.

The following is a list of the amounts paid for labor, burlap, tools, creosote, etc.:

Joseph E. Grassie, labor and expenses	$620 25
Herbert C. Sargent, labor	349 00
John B. Daley, labor	321 50
Michael J. Poland, labor	293 00
Clarence S. Brasill, labor	273 00
Michael Sweeney, labor	190 00
Theo Mathies, labor	160 50
Joseph E. Grassie, teaming	159 00
Joseph Manning, labor	92 00
Charles Wilson, labor	91 00
Edwin G. Stuart, labor	83 00
John W. Brennock, labor	86 00
Manuel Almeida, labor	82 00
Alfred Antoine, labor	74 00
Joseph J. Grassie, labor	74 00
Robert L. Curtis, labor	60 00
Melvin Thompson, labor	60 00
William J. McNamara, labor	62 00
Patrick T. Donohue	54 00
William St. John	54 00
Harry Henry, labor	54 00
Charles Deegan, labor	54 00

Henry M. Donovan, labor	$59 50	
Peter E. Rooney, labor	53 00	
Daniel McSweeney, labor	48 00	
Patrick T. Donovan, labor	45 00	
Elijah F. Lincoln, labor	48 00	
Patrick O'Keefe, labor	43 00	
Charles H. Pratt, labor	42 00	
Henry L. Stoddard, labor	41 00	
John Kennedy, labor	40 00	
Andrew H. Prouty, labor	39 00	
Theo Mathies, teaming	39 00	
Daniel F. O'Brien, labor	38 00	
George F. Sargent, labor	38 00	
Henry Keating, labor	38 00	
Royal A. Bates, labor.	36 00	
William Powers, labor	38 00	
John F. Smith, labor	35 00	
Daniel Golden, labor	30 00	
Antoine J. Silva, labor	30 00	
Abraham Lincoln, labor	26 00	
Ernest Cole, labor	26 00	
Joseph F. Silvia, labor	24 00	
George M. Ennice, labor	24 00	
John F. Murphy, labor	22 00	
Edmund M. Cronican, labor	18 00	
Louis Mulvey, labor	16 00	
Samuel L. Williams, labor	13 00	
Charles Joseph	14 00	
Peter F. Brennock, labor	10 00	
William O. Souther, labor	8 00	
John T. Keating, labor	3 00	
		$4,330 75

Tower Bros. & Co., tools, tanglefoot, etc.	$116 68	
Bowker Lead Co., poison	130 54	
Wm. H. Claflin, burlaps and jute	158 30	
Charles E. McKenzie, repair on spray wagon	51 50	
Thomas J. Gray, tools and tanglefoot	29 45	
Stephen R. Church, burning outfit	20 05	
Fitz, Dana & Co., tin and shears	21 10	
Manuel E. Salvador, gasoline and oil	19 60	
John Clarke, tanglefoot	12 50	
Frost Insecticide Co., bamboo spraying poles	16 00	
Cornelius Callahan & Co., hose	12 00	
Sanborn & Damon, creosote cans	6 00	
James Denithorne, sharpening saws	4 25	
M. J. Sullivan, straps	4 00	
J. J. Gallagher, oil	3 55	
E. W. Bates, sharpening saws	3 40	
Samuel Cabbot, creosote	4 41	
Arthur S. Bates, graining set	1 75	
Iver Johnson & Co., knives	4 50	
Edgar J. Pratt, fire pan	1 50	
F. C. Packard, stoppers for cans	1 40	
Otis O. Bishop, sharpening saws	1 50	
Wm. W. Studley, sharpening saws	1 00	
		$624 98

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH E. GRASSIE,

Local Supt.

TREE WARDEN'S REPORT.

During the early spring the trees on South Main street, Summer street, Elm street, Highland avenue, Beechwood street, Brook street, Sohier street, and North Main street to Sohier street, were thoroughly pruned. As the greater part of the appropriation was spent doing this work, I did not plant as many trees as I had intended to, although I planted 45 trees in different parts of the town, where I thought they were the most needed.

I would recommend the sum of $400 to be appropriated at the annual town meeting.

The following is a list of the amounts paid for labor, tools, etc.:

Joseph E. Grassie, labor	$82 25	
Charles Wilson, labor	24 50	
Edwin G. Stuart, labor	16 50	
Royal A. Bates, labor	22 50	
Harry Donovan, labor	11 50	
John B. Daley, labor	44 00	
Andrew H. Prouty, labor	4 00	
Henry Keating, labor	21 50	
William Powers, labor	22 50	
George Monterio, labor	29 50	
Theo Mathies, labor	13 50	
Wm. St. John, labor	4 00	
Joseph J. Grassie, labor	21 50	
Manuel S. Leonard, team	7 00	
Joseph E. Grassie, team	16 65	
L. S. Petersen, trees	25 00	
C. R. Keene, trees	22 50	
Tower Bros. & Co., tools	5 57	
		$394 47

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH E. GRASSIE,

Tree Warden.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS

For the Year Ending December 31, 1908.

To the Selectmen:

GENTLEMEN:—During the year 1908 the department has been called to answer twenty-one bell alarms, also five still alarms for brush or forest fires, which is in excess of the average number.

There has been a slight change in the personel of the department by a reorganization of Ladder Compaay No. 2 for the good of the department.

The apparatus is in good condition, both ladder trucks having been overhauled and painted during the past year, which was all the necessary repairs to complete the condition of all pieces, the others having been repaired and painted last year.

The department should have one thousand feet of new hose, as we find the hose purchased fifteen years ago needs to be replaced.

You will note in our financial report that we have exceeded the appropriation about five hundred dollars, which was unavoidable owing to a peculiar combination of circumstances. First, the Cohasset Electric Co. cancelled their contract to furnish battery power and switchboard for the fire alarm, which necessitated our providing a battery room of our own at an expense of nearly four hundred dollars, and, second, the forest fires were numerous and expensive this year, amounting to over four hundred dollars.

We again respectfully call your attention to the necessity of placing a modern piece of apparatus in an up-to-date building in the centre of the town.

The law now in effect places the extinguishing of forest fires under the charge and direction of a Forest Warden, which makes a department entirely distinct from this departmen, and while it can, and we feel that it should, be operated in conjunction, we would recommend that a separate appropriation be made for such expense.

We respectfully recommend that the following amounts be raised and appropriated at the annual meeting in March next, viz.:

For the maintenance and operation of this department	$1,500 00
For 1,000 feet of fire hose	625 00
For the Forest Warden	600 00

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. MAPES,
E. E. BATES,
H. E. BRENNOCK,
J. S. BEAL,
GEORGE JASON,
Board of Engineers.

FINANCIAL REPORT, 1908:

Hose No. 1.

A. J. Morris, services as steward one year to May 1, 1908	$40 00
Cohasset Livery & Sale Stable, horses to fires	27 75
Tower Bros. & Co., coal, wood and supplies	43 64
Peter Gray & Sons, searchlight, tank and fittings	55 25
C. E. Mackenzie, repairs to wagon	4 00
E. E. Bates, wood	6 00

C. Callahan Co., brass polish	$2 00	
M. J. Sullivan, leather straps	85	
N. B. Tower, collector, 14 poll taxes	28 00	
		$207 49

Hose No. 2.

Lincoln Bros. Ltd., coal	$6 15	
Lincoln Bros. Co., coal	3 63	
E. E. Bates, wood	6 00	
H. F. Tilden, horses to fires	7 50	
C. Callahan Co., hydrant wrench	50	
Tower Bros. & Co., pine sheathing	65	
N. B. Tower, collector, 1 poll tax	2 00	
		$26 43

Hose No 3.

Arthur Studley, services as steward one year to May 1, 1908	$30 00	
Tower Bros & Co., coal and supplies	40 77	
Country Store Co., supplies	8 76	
C. M. Tibbitts, repairs, stock and labor	14 79	
Town of Hingham, water rates	6 00	
Franklin Beal, horses and barge	10 00	
S. L. Beal, floor oil	1 50	
N. B. Tower, collector, 11 poll taxes	22 00	
		$133 82

Hose No. 4.

T. A. Roche, rent of building 2 years to Jan. 1, 1909	$40 00	
Tower Bros. & Co., coal and wood	5 75	
N. B. Tower, collector, 5 poll taxes	10 00	
		$55 75

Hook & Ladder No. 1.

H. F. Tilden, horses to fires	$40 00	
T. L. Grassie, services as steward 1 year to May 1, 1908	25 00	
C. E. MacKenzie, repair to truck	24 40	
J. P. Fitzpatrick, painting truck	60 00	
C. Callahan Co., hub cap	2 75	
H. E. Brennock, labor on truck	4 00	
M. J. Sullivan, leather straps	1 45	
H. F. Tilden, whip	50	
Tower Bros & Co., supplies	1 35	
N. B. Tower, collector, 13 poll taxes	26 00	
		$185 45

Hook and Ladder No. 2.

Elias Thomas, service as steward to May 1, 1908	$15 00	
Chas. Pratt, service as steward to Sept. 24, 1908	11 80	
P. G. Sargent, painting	13 75	
C. Callahan Co., repairing extinguisher	3 70	
C. Callahan Co., badges	6 30	
J. W. Bates, horses to fire	5 00	
J. P. Fitzpatrick, painting truck	35 00	
H. E. Brennock, labor on truck	2 00	
E. E. Bates, wood	2 00	
E. E. Bates, horses	2 00	
H. L. Brown, supplies	14 93	
Tower Bros. & Co., coats and lanterns	38 00	
N. B. Tower, collector, 16 poll taxes	32 00	
		$181 48

Fire Alarm.

Cohasset Electric Co., power service	$50 00	
A. M. Kimball, repairs, stock and labor	197 80	
G. E. Kimball, hardware	1 73	
A. M. Kimball, new construction	45 32	
		$294 85

New Battery Room.

Cohasset Electric Co., switchboard, batteries and rack	$100 00	
A. M. Kimball, generator, dynamo and labor	215 71	
Gamewill Fire Alarm & Tel. Co., supplies	42 28	
Tower Bros. & Co., lumber	45	
W. H. McGaw, lumber and stock	17 20	
E. J. Pratt, stove and fittings	9 70	
		385 34

Engineers.

George Jason, horse to fires	12 00	
Cousens & Pratt, flag	5 50	
H. L. Willard, horses to fire	15 50	
H. F. Tilden, horses to fire	5 65	
E. E. Bates, horses to fire	2 50	
N. B. Tower, 5 poll taxes	10 00	
		51 15

Miscellaneous.

A. M. Kimball, wiring buildings for electric lights	$77 15	
H. E. Brennock, assistant chief, expense at Mass. S. F. Ass'n.	11 00	

H. E. Mapes, chief, stationery, printing, expressing, etc.	$25 15	
J. P. Fitzpatrick, metal signs	3 00	
Cohasset Electric Co., electric light service	6 00	
		122 30

FOREST WARDEN.

For Forest and Brush Fires.

H. F. Tilden, horses to fires	$80 50	
H. L. Willard, horses to fires	79 00	
Pay roll, labor	82 50	
Central House, meals for men	1 40	
C. Callahan Co., four extinguishers	96 00	
C. Callahan Co., repairs to old extinguishers	29 80	
C. Callahan Co., connections for water cart	8 41	
Norris Bros., soda	2 16	
F. W. Browne, soda and acid	27 95	
Tower Bros. & Co., lantern globe	12	
		407 84

RECAPITULATION.

Hose Co. No. 1	$207 49
Hose Co. No. 2	26 43
Hose Co. No. 3	133 82
Hose Co. No. 4	55 75
Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1	185 45
Hook and Ladder Co. No. 2	181 48
Fire alarm	294 85
New battery room	385 34
Engineers	51 15
Miscellaneous	122 30
Forest Warden account	407 84

Amount expended . .	$2,051 90
Credit, conscience fund . .	40 00
Total amount expended .	$2,011 90
Amount of appropriation . .	1,500 00
Exceeded appropriation .	$511 90

H. E. MAPES, *Chief.*

E. E. BATES, *Clerk.*

BY-LAWS

OF THE

TOWN OF COHASSET.

BY-LAWS OF THE TOWN OF COHASSET.

ARTICLE 1.

Town Meetings.

Section 1. Notices of every Annual Town Meeting shall be given by posting attested copies of the warrant for such meeting at each of the Post Offices in the town, and in not less than five other public places in the town, not less than seven days before the day appointed for such meeting.

Section 2. In addition to the legal notification required by the foregoing section, the Selectmen shall cause to be left at each dwelling house in the town a copy of the warrant for every Annual Town Meeting, at least five days before the time named in the warrant for holding said meeting.

Section 3. Notices for every Special Town Meeting shall be given by posting attested copies of the warrant, as specified in Section 1, and in addition thereto a copy of the warrant printed in some convenient form shall be sent by mail to each legal voter of the town.

Section 4. Any article inserted in the warrant for a Town Meeting under which an appropriation of money may be made, other than the ordinary annual appropriation, shall have appended to such article the name of the first person signing such request and the words "and others."

ARTICLE 2.

Certain Powers and Duties of Town Officers.

Section 1. The Selectmen shall have authority to prosecute, defend and compromise all litigation to which the

town is a party, and to appear either personally or by counsel in proceedings before any tribunal, unless it is otherwise specially ordered by the town.

Section 2. Whenever it shall be necessary to execute any deed conveying land, the same shall be executed by the Treasurer, in behalf of the town, unless the town shall otherwise vote in any special case.

Section 3. The Selectmen shall appoint annually one or more police officers pursuant to Revised Laws, Chapter 25, Section 87, and shall make from time to time such rules and regulations for the government, disposition and management of the Police as they may deem expedient.

Section 4. There shall be appointed by the Selectmen, annually, a person who shall be styled Chief of Police.

He shall be Chief of the Police force of the town, and it shall be the duty of said officer to receive complaints against all persons violating any laws in the town, and to prosecute offenders, and to attend, on behalf of the town, the trial of offences alleged to have been committed.

He shall enforce all orders and by-laws of the town, and shall obey and execute all lawful orders and commands of the Selectmen in relation to any matter in which the town is interested.

He shall keep a record of all prosecutions and offences committed within the town, and when not engaged in other official business, shall remain on duty during such time each day as the Selectmen may determine, and when a vacancy shall occur in the office of Chief of Police, either by removal, resignation or otherwise, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint some suitable person to fill the vacancy.

The Chief of Police shall make quarterly written reports to the Selectmen of the doings of the Police, which report shall be open to the inspection of the citizens.

Section 5. The Selectmen shall annually appoint a competent accountant, who shall keep a complete set of books, wherein shall be entered the amount of each specific appropriation and each amount that has been expended on account of such appropriation; and shall when any appropriation has been wholly expended, immediately make a report of the fact to the Selectmen and to the head of the department under whose direction the work for which the appropriation was made is carried on.

Said accountant shall, immediately after the first day of the month, make to the Selectmen a report of the amounts of the several appropriations, and the amounts of all drafts on account of each appropriation made, and of all receipts during the month preceding the statement, and the amounts of such drafts made and receipts since the beginning of the financial year, and the balance of such appropriations remaining subject to draft, and shall prepare such other financial statements as may be from time to time required by the Selectmen.

Section 6. The Selectmen shall cause to be printed and aeady for distribution at least seven days before the Annual Town Meeting, a report giving detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Collector, School Committee, Overseers of the Poor, and all other town officers, boards or committees, who have had the charge or expenditure of town funds for the financial year, together with the estimates by all departments for the current financial year. Said report shall also contain the Town Clerk's report of the births, deaths and marriages during the calendar year, the record of the town meetings held during the preceding year, and the reports of the Selectmen and all officials boards, committee or town officers, library trustees and librarian; each decenial valuation of estates made by the assessors, or an abstract thereof, together with a list of poll tax payers, shall be printed with the Selectmen's Report for

the next year after the same shall be made. And the Selectmen shall cause to be left at each dwelling house in the town a copy of said report at least five days before the Annual Town Meeting.

Section 7. It shall be the duty of the Highway Surveyor, Superintendent of Streets or Road Commissioner to personally supervise all work of construction and repair that shall be performed in his department, and shall have the care of and be responsible for all tools and machinery belonging to that department. He shall make a report to the town annually on or before February 1st, to be printed with the Selectmen's Report, specifying the work which has been done and the amounts which have been expended on each street, with an estimate of the appropriation required for highways the succeeding year.

Section 8. The assessors shall keep a record in a book to be kept for that purpose all abatement of taxes, the names of the persons whose taxes are abated, and the reasons for and the amounts of such abatements.

ARTICLE 3.

Financial.

Section 1. The financial year shall begin with the first day in January of each year and end with the last day of December in each year.

Section 2. All appropriations of money which may be made shall be made for the then current financial year.

Section 3. No orders shall be drawn on the Treasurer not authorized by a vote of the town, or the laws of the Commonwealth, nor shall the amount of orders drawn against any special appropriation exceed the same, nor shall any amount thereof be applied to any other use.

Section 4. Except as provided by the Statutes of the Commonwealth, no town officer having control of the expenditures of the public money shall incur any debt or obligation on account of the town, in any department, beyond the amount appropriated therefor by the town; and no amount, except as aforesaid, for any department, beyond the sum appropriated, shall be drawn from the town treasury until the same is sanctioned and approved by the town.

Section 5. All unexpended balances of appropriations at the end of each financial year shall be turned back into the Treasury, unless in any case it is otherwise provided by law.

Section 6. No money shall be paid from the Treasury except for State and County taxes, for notes and interest thereon, without a warrant or order therefor signed by a majority of the Selectmen; except that the School Committee shall have authority to draw orders upon the Treasurer for expenditures. Every order for payment of money shall designate the appropriation against which the same is drawn, and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a correct account of all appropriations made by the Town, and all sums that are drawn from such appropriations. All orders drawn upon the Treasurer shall, before payment, be submitted to the accountant for his approval and it shall be the duty of the accountant in each case to see that the expenditure is not in excess of the appropriation against which the order is drawn.

Section 7. It shall be the duty of the Town Clerk immediately after every Town Meeting to furnish the Accountant and Treasurer with a statement of all moneys appropriated by the town at such meeting; and of the purposes for which moneys were respectively appropriated.

Section 8. All town officers shall make out their bills for all charges that they personally have against the town, up

to the 31st day of December of each year, and present the same forthwith; and it shall be the duty of the Selectmen to procure the presentation and payment of all accounts outstanding against the town to that date and cause them to appear in the Schedule of Expenditures for the year then ending.

ARTICLE 4.

Finance Committee.

Section 1. At the next Annual Town Meeting after the adoption of these By-Laws there shall be selected a Committee on Finance to consist of seven members, no one of whom shall hold any elective town office, to serve for the following terms: Two for one year, two for two years and three for three years, who shall serve without pay, and there shall be elected thereto at each subsequent Annual Town Meeting two, two and three members as their terms shall respectively expire.

Section 2. The terms of members of said committee shall expire at the close of the Town Meeting at which their successors are elected. Said Finance Committee shall, after the conclusion of the Annual Town Meeting, organize by the choice of a Chairman and a Secretary, and shall cause to be kept a true record of its proceedings.

Section 3. The Finance Committee shall request each of the various boards and officers having in charge the expenditure of money to lay before their committee on or before the 31st day of January in each year an estimate of the appropriation necessary to be made for their respective departments, and said committee shall request these various boards and officers to appear before them at such times and places as said Committee may appoint for conference upon said appropriations.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Selectmen, within three days after drawing a town warrant, to transmit copies

of the same to the Finance Committee, and said committee shall consider all articles under which an appropriation of money may be made. A hearing shall be given upon all articles to the person or persons whose names appear attached to the same, and they shall be notified of the time and place of hearing thereon.

Section 5. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the Committee, by resignation, failing to qualify, or otherwise, the same shall be filled by the Committee; and if any member absents himself from five consecutive meetings, such member shall be dropped and the vacancy filled. The term of all persons elected to fill vacancies shall expire at the close of the next Annual Town Meeting.

Section 6. It shall be the duty of the committee to make an annual report of its doings, with recommendations for municipal appropriations in the various departments for the ensuing year, to be printed with the annual reports of the other town officers.

ARTICLE 5.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

The Sealer of Weights and Measures shall be paid such salary as the town shall from time to time direct, and he shall account for and pay into the treasury of the town, all fees received by him by virtue of his office; said salary to be in full payment for all services rendered as Sealer of Weights and Measures.

ARTICLE 6.

Police Regulations.

Section 1. No person shall coast upon a sled or other vehicle in or through any of the public streets, ways or sidewalks of this town, except it be on such streets, ways or sidewalks as are publicly announced as permitted by the Selectmen.

Section 2. No person shall, without first having obtained written permission from the Selectmen, obstruct a public street or sidewalk by placing or causing to be placed therein any article or thing whatsoever, nor suffer the same to remain in such position for more than five minutes.

Section 3. The contents of any sink, cesspool or privy shall be removed in a vehicle effectually covered and water-tight, and the same shall not be emptied on any beach or into the sea adjacent to any beach in the town, but shall be carried in such cart and disposed of in the earth or otherwise as the Board of Health may by rules provide, but apart from dwelling houses.

Section 4. No person having the care or use of any horse or vehicle shall stop the same or allow the same to remain upon any crossing or flagging stone laid in or across any public street; and no such person shall allow any horse or vehicle to remain in any public street so as to obstruct the same after being requested or ordered to remove such obstruction by any person having occasion to use such street or by any police officer of the town.

Section 5. No person shall stand in any public street for the purpose of hawking or selling any article or for the exercise of any business or calling after being requested to desist therefrom by any police officer of the town.

Section 6. No person shall remain upon a sidewalk in such a manner as to obstruct the free passage of foot travelers, after being requested by a police officer to move on.

Section 7. No person shall drive or pass with a vehicle of any kind upon any sidewalk in the town, provided that this shall not affect the right of any person to cross any sidewalk in entering or leaving private premises. No person shall draw, propel or wheel on any sidewalk of the town any handcart or other vehicle, except children's carriages, invalid chairs or sleds drawn by hand.

Section 8. No person shall behave in a disorderly manner, or use any obscene, profane or indecent language in any public street or place in the town; and no person shall without right stand or remain upon a wall or fence or upon any doorstep or other projection from a house or other building, so as to annoy or disturb any person, or obstruct any passage to or from such house or building, after having been requested by a police officer of the town, or by the owner or occupant of any such building, to depart and stay therefrom.

Section 9. No persons, except the Selectmen and other officers of the town in the lawful performance of their duties, or acting under their orders, shall obstruct any sidewalk, or street or any part thereof without first obtaining a written permit from the Selectmen therefor; and the persons holding such permit shall put, and at all times keep, a suitable railing around the parts of any sidewalk or street so obstructed or dug up, as long as the same shall be unsafe or inconvenient for travelers; and shall also keep as many lighted lanterns fixed to such railing or fence every night from twilight in the evening through the whole night as the Selectmen may direct.

Section 10. No person shall leave any wagon, cart or other vehicle, wood, coal or other articles in any street, way or sidewalk, and suffer the same to remain over night without maintaining a sufficient light over or near the same through the night to prevent injury to travelers.

Section 11. No owner or person having charge of any horse, cow, swine, sheep, goat or other grazing animal, shall permit the same to pasture in any street or way within the town, either with or without a keeper.

Section 12. No person shall ride any horse or drive any horse or horses attached to a vehicle of any description, in or upon any street or way for public travel at such an im-

moderate rate of speed as to endanger or expose to injury or inconvenience any person, standing, walking or riding therein.

Section 13. No person shall by any means or in any manner wilfully frighten any horse or play at any game in which a ball is used, or shoot with bows and arrows or throw stones or other missiles, in any street or on any sidewalk.

Section 14. No person shall drive any horse, cattle or swine, or permit any horse, cattle or swine under his care to go upon any sidewalk, or suffer any horse to remain hitched across any sidewalk, so as thereby to cause any injury either to person or property of others, or to obstruct the safe and convenient passing of persons lawfully using the same.

Section 15. No person shall, unless by leave of the town officers having charge of the repairs of the highways, throw or deposit in any street or on any sidewalk any ashes, dirt, rubbish or filth of any kind, or any animal or vegetable substance, excepting such material as may be used to prevent slipping.

Section 16. No person shall make any indecent figures or write any indecent or obscene words upon any fence, building or structure in any public place or commit a nuisance upon any sidewalk or against any tree, building or structure adjoining the same.

Section 17. No unauthorized person shall handle or in any way interfere with apparatus, machinery or fixtures belonging to the Fire Department, or with any signal boxes, wires, poles or other thing connected with the fire alarm system. This section does not forbid the ringing of an alarm in case of fire.

Section 18. No person, except town officers, constables and police officers, shall enter into or remain in any hose house or other building occupied by the Fire Department without the permission of the Board of Fire Engineers.

Section 19. No person shall drive any horse or vehicle upon or over any hose pipe lawfully placed in a street, or in use at a fire.

Section 20. Every violation not otherwise provided for of any section of this Article shall be punished by a fine of not less than one or more than twenty dollars.

ARTICLE 7.

Repeal and Amendment of the By-Laws.

These By-Laws may be amended or repealed at any Town Meeting, provided an article for that purpose has been inserted in the warrant calling such meeting, stating substantially the proposed amendment or repeal.

These By-Laws shall take effect from and after their publication.

The undersigned, being the committee appointed to prepare a set of By-Laws for the Town of Cohasset, present the foregoing By-Laws for the consideration of the town.

BARTHOLOMEW DALEY,
CHARLES W. GAMMONS,
CHARLES C. LINCOLN,
WILLIAM R. SEARS,
HERBERT A. TILDEN.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE COHASSET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

In accordance with the terms of the agreement between the trustees of the Cohasset Free Public Library and the directors of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library your trustees with the members of the Paul Pratt board continue to act as a committee to select and purchase books for the library. The three-year agreement continues to work satisfactorily.

The library has received the following bequest from the estate of Alice Appleton Knowles: The sum of $2,000 as a memorial fund to Francis P. and Harriet W. Appleton, the income to be used for the purchase of books on history and biography.

Respectfully submitted,

TRUSTEES OF THE COHASSET FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

By Geo. W. Collier,

President.